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TEUTONS IN RUMANIA JOIN HANDS, DRAWING CLOSER TO BUCHARES

Berlin Announces Conclusion of Battle of the Argechu With Austro-Germans Victors.

RUMANIANS LOSE HEAVILY

Central Powers Now Hold Intact All Railway Lines Into Capital Except One.

THIS LIKELY TO BE TAKEN

Town of Gradishtea, 12 Miles from Bucharest, Captured.

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 4. — According to the Berlin correspondent of the National Tidene, German artillery, which now is emplaced only 11 miles from Bucharest, began yesterday to bombard the city.

The armies of the Teutonic allies fighting in southwestern Rumania, with Bucharest their main objective, have joined hands from the Danube in the south to the northwest of Bucharest, where, coming through the mountainous region, they have reached the town of Tergovistea. Berlin announces that the battle of the Argechu river has come to a final conclusion, with the Teutonic allies the victors, and that all along the front they are drawing closer to Bucharest.

But One Outlet Left

With the capture of Fergovistea, and farther south, the driving of the Rumanians beyond the railroad junction town of Titu, the forces of the Central powers now hold intact all the railway lines running into Bucharest from the west. The Predeal pass line, running north from the capital into Transylvania, is the sole remaining railway connection in western Wallachia partly in Rumanian hands, and with the Teutons now nearly astride this line at Breza and rapidly advancing, this route seems likely to be taken from them.

Take Town 12 Miles From Capital

To the south and southwest of Bucharest, the forces of Field Marshal Von Mackensen that crossed the Danube have inflicted a heavy defeat on the Rumanians and captured the town of Gradichtea, 12 miles from the capital.

In this fighting, according to Berlin, the Rumanian army suffered sanguinary casualties and on Sunday lost more than 8,000 men made prisoners and 35 cannon. Near Titu 13 locomotives and much rolling stock fell into the hands of the Teutons.

In Dobrudja and in the northwest, along the Bukowina and Transylvania fronts, violent fighting is in progress. According to Sofia, in the former region the Bulgarians repulsed heavy Russian attacks. Berlin admits slight progress in the northwest by the Russians north and south of the Trotus.

In the Carpathians south of Jablonitza the Russians captured another height.

Little Fighting Elsewhere

Aside from the Macedonia theatre little fighting of comment has taken place. Berlin admits a re-alignment of the Teutonic allied front east of the Cerna river, while the Serbian war office asserts that the Serbs here have captured an entire series of powerfully fortified Bulgarian positions north of Grunishte and Budimirtsa and taken, in addition, guns, machine guns, ammunition and prisoners.

British sappers near Ypres and Wytschaete, Belgium, by mine explosions, paved the way for a raid on German trenches. Some of the British succeeded in entering an advanced trench, but later were driven out. A British attempt against LeSars also failed. Considerable artillery activity continues at various points along the French front, especially in the Somme region and on the Verdun sector.

On Austro-Italian Front

Artillery duels and small maneuvers by patrol parties have featured the fighting on the Austro-Italian front.

A Russian attack against the German lines near Lake Drisviaty, south of Dvinsk, failed with heavy casualties to the Russians, according to Berlin.

The British cabinet is to be construct ed, but the changes will not bring a policy different from that which has been pursued since the beginning of the war.

Unofficial advices from Athens say that quiet prevails in the Greek capital. The British war trade minister has announced in the House of Commons that the Entente allies immediately in which, he said, King Constantine and his government are deeply involved. Great Britain has prohibited the sailing of Greek steamers from British ports.

RUSSIANS' ARRIVAL SAVED BUCHAREST?

Just in Time to Interfere With the German Plan of Encircling the Capital City.

WERE READY TO BOMBARD

Petrograd Claims That Appearance of Russians at Critical Moment Has Somewhat Changed the Rumanian Situation.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 4. — The timely arrival of Russian troops before Bucharest at the critical moment when the loss of the capital seemed almost certain, has somewhat changed the Rumanian situation.

According to military opinion here, the Rumanians now have at least a fighting chance to retain their capital, and with the aid of the Russians who rendered their first valuable assistance to the Rumanian defense by an offensive in the Carpathians begun five days ago, and will now attempt to include Bucharest in the zone which they are able to defend, establishing a permanent line north and west of the capital.

According to information received here from Bucharest, the German plan of encircling Bucharest was perilously near to accomplishment when it struck an unexpected obstacle in the form of a Russian force between Bucharest and the Danube. Strong cavalry columns of the Teutonic allies had been sent forward on both wings of the united front of Lieutenant General Krafft von Delemsingen and Field Marshal Von Mackensen, forcing the Rumanian flanks backward both north and south of the capital.

A flanking movement was partially successful, when the Teutonic forces advancing from Lake Greca, encountered a sudden stiffening in the resistance of the Rumanians, due to the arrival of Russian troops, and were compelled to retire in disorder. Emplacements had already been completed for the big guns, which were to bombard the Bucharest fortifications. Executing a hasty retreat, the Germans and Bulgarians had to abandon guns of all calibres and a large quantity of war material.

The northern Teutonic allied group which is attempting to flank Bucharest from the side of Piteshti has proceeded with greater success, but the Rumanians have managed to retreat without losing connection with the force defending the western fortifications of the capital.

FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS OVER $32,000,000 IS ASKED.

Estimates by War Department Include $115,000 for Cape Fear River.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Congress was asked today to appropriate $32,136,083 for improvement and maintenance during the fiscal year of 1918 of rivers and harbors utilized in the nation's waterborne commerce. That amount is a reduction of almost $10,000,000 from the appropriations for the previous year. Almost two-thirds of the estimated expenditures are for the large rivers, and the port of New York through which the greater part of the country's foreign commerce passes. For those projects the aggregate estimates, drawn by the chief of engineers of the army under whose charge the work is done, are:

Mississippi river, $10,552,000; Ohio river, $5,000,000; Delaware river, $2,150,000; Columbia river, $1,355,000; Missouri river, $1,085,000; Hudson river, $375,000; New York harbor, $900,500.

The detailed estimates include:

North Carolina—Beaufort harbor, $4,500; Beaufort inlet, $14,000; Morehead City harbor, $2,000; Shallowbag bay, $500; Harbor of Refuge, Cape Lookout, $850,000; Cape Fear river, $115,000; Contentnia creek, $1,000; Neuse and Trent rivers, $6,000; Northeast and Black rivers, $5,000; Pamlico and Tar rivers, $4,500; Roanoke river, $2,500; Scuppernong river, $3,500; Waterway, Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Inlet, $15,000.

NOMINATION OF 10 NEW CARDINALS IS ANNOUNCED

At Secret Consistory in Paris, Attended by 28 Cardinals.

Paris, Dec. 4. — At a secret consistory held this morning, which was attended by 28 cardinals, Pope Benedict announced the nomination of ten new cardinals, says a dispatch to the Havas agency from Rome. The new cardinals are:

"Monsignor La Fontaine, patriarch of Venice; Monsignor Donato Sbarretti, former apostolic delegate in Canada, later bishop of Havana, and recently assessor of the Holy See; Monsignor DeBourg, archbishop of Rennes; Monsignor DuBois, archbishop of Rouen; Monsignor Vittorio Amadeo Ranuzzi Di Bianchi, major domo of the Vatican; Monsignor Boggiani, secretary of the holy office and former apostolic delegate to Mexico; Monsignor Ascalosi, archbishop of Benelto; Monsignor Maurin, bishop of Grenoble; Monsignor Marini, secretary of the holy signature.

Two more cardinals are to be nominated shortly.

Berlin, Dec. 4.(via Sayville)— British patrols, following up mine explosions, succeeded in entering German trenches along the front in Belgium at some points, the war office announced today, but were unable to maintain themselves there.

TREVINO SAYS ONLY CHINESE ARE DEAD

nment Agents Wire to Washington That a Number of Foreigners Were Killed.

BY BANDITS IN CHIHUAHUA

Report Says German Vice Consul and Two American Citizens Were Killed and Little Girl Taken Into Mountains by Villistas.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 4.—Reports telegraphed by government agents to Washington today that a number of foreigners had been killed in Chihuahua City when Villa bandits occupied the town were met with a statement by General Trevino, commanding Carranza forces who re-occupied the capital, that "only a few Chinese were killed during the time Villa occupied the city."

General Trevino's statement, telegraphed in response to an inquiry by Andres Garcia, inspector-general of Carranza consulates, was taken by Garcia to mean that no other foreigners were killed. The information telegraphed Washington was said to have been obtained in Juarez.

LITTLE AMERICAN GIRL TAKEN AWAY BY VILLA BANDITS?

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 4.—Government agents here today sent a report to Washington saying Carlos Ketelsen, German vice consul in Chihuahua City; Charles Elmendorf, an American citizen, and another unknown American had been killed by Villa and that Elmendorff's young daughter had been carried off to the mountains by Villa bandits.

The report was said to have been obtained from Juarez.

GERMAN CONSUL AT JUAREZ RECEIVES NO CONFIRMATION

Juarez, Texas, Dec. 4.—German Consul Max Weber said late today he had heard the report that Mr. Ketelsen and Carlos Elmendorf had been killed but that he had received no confirmation. He sent a message to Chihuahua City to get the facts.

Carranza officials insist nothing has been received over the railroad of military telegraph lines regarding the reported death of these foreigners.

FIFTEEN WHITE MEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH LYNCHING

Result of Inquiry Ordered by Manning at Abbeville, S. C.

Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 4.—Fifteen white men were arrested here today following an investigation of the lynching a month ago of Anthony Crawford, a negro. The negro was alleged to have attacked a white man and the lynching followed. Subsequently the sons of the negro were notified to leave the county. Governor Manning ordered an investigation. The arrests today resulted from the inquiry made.

Preliminary hearings will probably be granted to the men tomorrow. Some are accused of rioting and others of murder.

ELECTION FRAUD PROBE COMES TO ABRUPT END

Judge Adams Would Name Commission to Continue if Desired.

Thinks the End Desired Has Been Attained, So Far as His Investigation is Concerned—Evidence Goes to Grand Jury.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 4.—Solicitor Swain's investigation of alleged election frauds in Buncombe county during the recent election came to an abrupt end today, Judge W. J. Adams stated that he lives 300 miles from Asheville, but would, upon application, appoint a commission to conduct the investigation further, any time it was requested.

Judge Adams said further that he thought the result desired by the investigation had been accomplished, as he had been merely sitting as a committing magistrate and that all the evidence introduced before him was now available for grand jury action, which body, he explained, would take the final action in the case.

At the suggestion of Thomas Settle, the election officials who certified to the "supplemental returns" were placed on the stand, but no additional light was thrown on this subject. Emory McAbee, of Fairview, said that Tom Jeff Pattillo offered him $5 to vote for Weaver, but that he "kidded" Pattillo and did not take any money. Several others testified to knowing of money spent for election purposes, but no direct charges of buying votes were made.

Solicitor Swain said that he was anxious to continue this probe, and Judge Adams again emphasized that the probe is strictly non-partisan and that all citizens should take pains to assist in laying any evidence of frauds before the grand jury.

It is believed here that today's proceeding virtually ends the investigation of alleged frauds, although there is a possibility that the grand jury may act later.

Several men prominent politically are still absent from their accustomed haunts.

NOTES EXCHANGED BETWEEN MERCIER AND VON BISSING

The Military Governor of Belgium Denies Allegations Made by the Cardinal.

LATTER APPEALS FOR PITY

Says German Engagement Has Been Violated Thousand Times Every Day for 15 Days.

London, Dec. 4.—Documents received here give the text of the reply of General von Bissing, military governor of Belgium, to Cardinal Mercier's letter of October 19, and the Cardinal's rejoinder of November 10.

General von Bissing's reply, dated October 26, begins by denying any violation of the assurance the German commanders gave at the beginning of the war that no men would be removed from Blgium, declaring that such removals have been justified by "the clandestine emigration of large numbers of young men wishing to join the Belgian army." He adds:

"The German authorities would have been quite justified in following the example of England and France, but they have not done so."

Contending that the employment of Belgian unemployed in Germany has nothing to do with the conduct of the war, but is purely a social and economic measure General von Bissing says:

"Great Britain's merciless economic isolation of Germany bears equally on Belgium; it deprives her of raw materials and prevents the export of manufactures and thus deals a vital blow, leaving masses of the people unemployed and bringing a state of public calamity to Belgium."

General von Bissing then declares that the Belgian people realized the state of affairs and that tens of thousands of them have gone to Germany voluntarily where they could get better pay. Others would follow, he says, but are deterred by influences systematically brought to bear on them. He concludes by inviting the cardinal to study the situation from a social and economic viewpoint.

Cardinal Mercier's Reply.

Replying on November 10, Cardinal Mercier recalls the promise made by Baron von Huehne and subsequently confirmed by Baron von Der Goltz and says:

"The undertaking was explicit and entirely without time limit that 'young people have nothing to fear that they may be sent to Germany either to be enrolled in the army or employed at forced labor.'

"This engagement has been violated every day a thousand times for 15 days."

In answer to General von Bissing's charge that England and France have

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$135,000 TO COMPLETE LOCAL CUSTOMS HOUSE

One Item Recommended by McAdoo in Report to Congress.

Estimate for Cape Fear and Other Rivers—Mr. Godwin, on Hand, for Brief Holiday Recess—A. W. McLean in Washington.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, in his annual estimate for appropriations to Congress, asks for the following for North Carolina:

Public buildings: Burlington, $20,000; Chapel Hill, $30,000; Charlotte $25,000; Shelby $10,000, and $135,000 for the completion of the Wilmington Custom House.

For the continuation of river and harbor projects already adopted by the government, the following estimates are made: Beaufort harbor $45,000 and Beaufort inlet, $14,000; Morehead City harbor, $2,000; Shallow bay $2,000; for the continuation of the Harbor of Refuge, Cape Lookout, $600,000 is asked for and $135,000 for the Cape Fear at and below Wilmington; Contentnea creek, $1,000; Neuse and Trent rivers $2,090; Pamlico and Tar rivers $4,500; Scuppernong river $3,500, and the inland waterway from Pamlico to Beaufort, $6,500.

Mr. Godwin on Hand.

Representative H. L. Godwin, of the Sixth district, who reached Washington early this morning and was in his seat when the House convened at noon, said tonight that the people of the Sixth are highly pleased with the result of the election and they were never more prosperous nor in better spirits than they are now.

Mr. Godwin agrees with Speaker Clark, Majority Leader Kitchin and other Democratic leaders that the Christmas holidays allowed by Congress should be cut down to one day if possible.

Mr. Godwin does not believe the country wants to see an extra session of Congress, which would necessarily be

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PROTEST AGAINST 'THE SLAVE RAIDS'

Great Britain and Allies Issue Declaration Regarding Present State of Belgium.

WARNING TO THE WORLD

Declare the Work of Relief Which Neutrals Have Built Up is in Danger of Falling—Say Teutons Disregard All Promises.

London, Dec. 4.—The British government, in conjunction with Great Britain's allies, has issued a "declaration regarding the present state of Belgium" in which protest is made to the civilized world against the "slave raids" conducted by the German authorities in Belgium and a warning given to the world that "the work of relief which neutrals have built up is in danger of falling."

The document, after reciting the assistance the Entente Allies have given in the past in the work of relief in Belgium, says:

"The Allies only stipulated that the Germans should equally draw no advantage from the operations of the neutral commission, that they should not seize imported or native supplies and that the distribution of relief should not be used for the purpose of coercing Belgian workmen against their consciences. The conditions which the Germans were pledged to obey have been frequently violated. But the infractions in the past have been disavowed by the German government and the Allies have been content to rely upon the neutral commission to watch and enforce the fulfillment of the conditions under which it worked.

Situation Now Changing.

"Now, however, the situation is changing. The Germans have abandoned all pretense of respecting personal freedom in Belgium. They have deliberately ordered the suspension of the public relief works supported by the commission and openly aimed at creating unemployment, which furnishes them an excuse for deportations. They have become themselves the organizers and co-operators in man hunts which they pledged themselves by the Brussels convention of 1890 to put down in Africa. The manufacturing of Belgian industry is now totally destroyed and exports of Belgian foodstuffs have again begun on a large scale.

"The Allies must, therefore, warn the world of what is about to take place. The Central Empires, as their own situation grows more desperate, intend to tear up every guarantee on which the work of the relief commission rests. They intend to cast aside all their promises and use Belgian foodstuffs and Belgian labor to support their own failing strength. The work of relief which the neutrals have built up for two years is about to lose its foundation and is in danger of failing."

Fayetteville Observer: "Miss Lucy Murchison, of Wilmington, is spending several days in the city, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. L. Pemberton."

THREE RESIGN FROM DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

Jno. W. Garrett Will Probably Succeed Dr. Van Dyke.

Minister to Holland Not Enjoying Good Health—Ministers to Colombia and Siam Send in Resignations—Others Expected.

Washington, Dec. 4. — The first resignations from the diplomatic corps, which are expected to be the fore-runners of others, as a consequence of President Wilson's re-election and the closing of his first term, were announced today.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke, minister to The Netherlands, has resigned, and probably will be succeeded by John W. Garrett, of Baltimore, formerly minister to Argentina. Dr. Van Dyke, it was explained, has been concerned over his health for some time, and also desired to return to his literary work after being abroad nearly four years.

The resignations of Thaddeus A. Thomson, minister to Colombia, and William H. Hornibrook, minister to Siam, also were announced. Mr. Thomson was appointed in 1913. Mr. Hornibrook was appointed in 1915.

Some time ago it became known that the government was expecting that members of the diplomatic corps would in accordance with custom forward their resignations. Many, no doubt, will be asked to remain.

FEDERAL JUDGES DO NOT POSSESS INHERENT POWER

To Indefinitely Suspend Execution of Criminal Sentences

Washington, Dec. 4.—Federal judges the Supreme Court held today, do not possess inherent power, exercised for a country, but without specific congressional authority, to indefinitely suspend execution of criminal sentences imposed in their respective courts.

Suspension by District Judge Killits, of Ohio, of sentence upon Jomes P. Henahan, of Toledo, convicted of bank embezzlement, was revoked.

HIGH COST OF LIVING OVERSHADOWS ANY AND ALL OTHER QUESTIONS

CONGRESS BEGINS 3 MONTHS SESSION

Calendar Overcrowded, Important New Issues on Hand and Big Estimates Presented.

TO HEAR WILSON TODAY

Both Houses Hold Short Sessions and Adjourn Out of Respect to Deceased Members—Christmas Holiday to be Short

Washington, Dec. 5.—Congress reconvened today for a three months session with a calendar over crowded with general legislation, facing railroad reforms and the high cost of living as new issues, and confronted with unprecedented estimates aggregating $1,654,819,654 to meet expenditures of the government for the fiscal year 1918.

Both houses adjourned early as a mark of respect to Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, and Resident Commissioner Rivera, of Porto Rico, both of whom died since the September adjournment.

Tomorrow there will be a joint session in the hall of the House to hear the address of President Wilson, which will contain recommendations for legislation sought by the administration before the 64th Congress dies March 4 next.

Railroad Legislation

That railroad legislation to supplement the Adamson Act will be urged by the President as the most important problem before the Congress at this time is generally expected. There is also strong public demand for some legislative action to curb soaring prices of food.

In addition the appropriation measures must be passed, the Senate has the Immigration, the Corrupt Practices bill further to limit campaign contributions and expenditures, the Webb bill to grant authority to domestic corporations for maintenance of collective foreign selling agencies, conservation and other measures. An investigation into expenditures of the recent National campaign is proposed and Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, will introduce a joint resolution directing that such an inquiry be instituted at once.

Hasty conferences of House leaders today convinced a majority that a "speed up" programme advocated by Speaker Clark will be adopted.

No Long Holiday

Majority Leader Kitchin joined with the Speaker in declaring that the usual long Christmas holiday should be dispensed with and an earlier meeting hour than noon, probably 10 o'clock, set. There is some dissension over the proposed abolition of the Christmas holidays and a compromise holiday of one week has been suggested.

Although food embargo proposals are certain to create much discussion, few leaders are inclined to believe that any of them will be enacted into laws. Representative Kitchin thinks, too, that investigation of the high cost of living will be left to the executive departments.

It is regarded as doubtful that any of the President's railway legislation programme will reach the floor before Christmas. Representative Adamson, chairman of the Interstate Commerce committee, who will pilot the measures, said tonight that he would spend the Christmas holidays at home, regardless of any adjournment agreement.

W. B. & S. TRAIN RUNS INTO AUTOMOBILE AT BOLIVIA

Occupants of Machine Thrown Out; One Suffers Broken Rib

(By Long Distance Telephone)

Southport, N. C., Dec. 4.—This afternoon as the W. B. & S. passenger train from Wilmington had just passed Bolivia and was rounding the curve, which is crossed by a county road, the view being partly obstructed by a growth of bushes, an auto in which were riding S. F. Williams, Henry Williams, his son who was driving; W. B. Chinnis and W. G. Adams, of Northwest township, was struck by the train and the car was hurled to one side of the track, the occupants of the machine being thrown out with considerable violence. All were more or less bruised, Mr. S. F. Williams having suffered a fractured rib. The injured were brought on to Southport where Dr. J. Arthur Dosher gave them the necessary attention. The car was pretty badly wrecked.

COMMERCE COMMISSION ORDERS SUSTAINED BY SUPREME COURT

Permit Lower Rates to Pacific Coast Than to Inland Cities.

Washington, Dec. 4. — Interstate Commerce Commission orders permitting railroads to give lower trans-continental freight rates to San Francisco, Oakland, Portland, Seattle and other ocean ports, while denying them to the inland cities of Sacramento, Stockton, San Jose and Santa Clara, California, were sustained today by the Supreme Court.

Assumes Proportions as a National Subject, With the Reconvening of Congress.

PROBE IS URGED BY LABOR

Possibility That Wilson Will Deal With Matter in Special Address Grows Stronger.

SOME ACTION IS ASSURED

Eleven Bills and Resolutions on Subject Introduced.

Washington, Dec. 4. — The high cost of living and what steps the Federal government can take to control it assumed proportions as a national question with the convening of Congress today, which overshadowed all other issues in the first day's proceedings. Possibility that President Wilson will deal with the subject in a special address grew stronger, although it was thought probable that the President would select a separate occasion for it, rather than add to it as a supplement to his general address tomorrow.

Labor Calls on Wilson.

Eleven bills and resolutions seeking to check the soaring prices of food by stopping shipments to Europe, reducing parcel post rates on food stuffs or controlling cold storage, were today introduced in the House.

President Gompers and a committee of the American Federation of Labor called on President Wilson and asked him to appoint a special commission to investigate the food question. The President assured them that the government would take some steps to meet the situation. He is understood to prefer not to appoint a commission as it practically would be without authority to compel testimony; while a congressional investigation probably would mean a protracted delay.

Reports being gathered by the Department of Agriculture are being laid before the President as fast as they are compiled and upon them he is expected to deside on any action, which undoubtedly will be prefaced by a special address to Congress.

Points to Middle Men.

One report submitted today by Secretary Redfield and held confidential as yet is understood to show a wide margin, between prices paid to producers and those paid by consumers. In a recent address the President virtually charged the middle men with responsibility for the high cost of living.

The bills in Congress are expected to produce a general discussion of the subject, but none of the administration leaders thinks any of the embargo measures can pass. A series of four, introduced by Chairman Fitzgerald, of the Appropriations committee, propose embargo, reduction of parcel post rates and restriction of cold storage.

Various Proposals.

Representative McLemore, of Texas, introduced a resolution to prohibit interstate transportation of food products, except meats and fruits, that have been kept in cold storage more than 90 days. One by Representative Cabath, of Illinois, would require cold storage warehouses to file yearly reports with the Department of Agriculture on July 1, showing food products stored for interstate commerce. Another would direct the Attorney General to investigate the causes of unreasonable advances in prices of foodstuffs cotton goods or fabrics, wood pulp, all kinds of paper and coal, in so far as they are claimed to be affected by any combination or conspiracy, and to report to Congress what remedies should be adopted.

A joint congressional committee to investigate the whole food situation, was proposed by Representative Lindbergh, of Minnesota, and Representative Carter, of Massachusetts, sought the appointment of a House special committee of nine members to investigate and to report recommendations back to Congress within 30 days. Representative Steenerson, of Minnesota, proposed free admission of seed wheat to help the Minnesota and North Dakota farmers. Representatives McKellar, of Tennessee, re-introduced his bill to regulate cold storage of food, and Representative Farr, of Pennsylvania, re-introduced his measure for a provisional embargo on wheat and wheat flour.

Representative Adamson, of Georgia, chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee, to which the embargo bills were referred, announced during the day that he would oppose any sort of embargo.

"The only embargo law we ever passed," Mr. Adamson said, "was the most unpopular law ever enacted, save only the alien and sedition laws. That embargo law was repealed as soon as possible. It was a dead letter before it was repealed."

34 CENTS A DAY WILL KEEP A MAN ALIVE IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 4.—Thirty-four cents a day is sufficient for the ration of a male 17 years of age and over in

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AMERICA'S ELECTRICAL WEEK
Dec. 2 — Dec. 9

GIVE ELECTRICAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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8,000 PRISONERS TAKEN BY TEUTONS

Danube Army Captures 35 Guns and Other Valuable Booty, Defeating Rumanians.

BERLIN WIRELESS REPORT

Russians Increasing Activity in Carpathians, But Attacks are Repulsed—Austro-Germans Win Battle on the Argechu

Berlin, Dec. 4. (via Sayville)—The Russians have been increasing their activity in the Carpathians, according to today's army headquarters statement, but their attacks were apparently made to cover a letting down of the offensive in this region. Such assaults as were made were easily repulsed.

On the Transylvanian east front the Russian pressure is being continued and the attacking forces achieved some slight progress in the Trotus valley Farther south, however, a height recently lost by the Austro-German forces was recaptured.

The official statement announces that the battle on the Argechu has been fought to a decision and won by the Teutonic forces.

The important town of Tergovistea has been captured by the Austro-German forces and the troops advancing from the north by way of Campulung have effected a junction with those moving from the west in the terrain between the Danube and the mountains. The defeat of the first Rumanian army is declared to have complete and the Teuton troops are continuing their victorious march eastward from Peteshti.

What remains of the first Rumanian army is declared to have been driven beyond Titu, to the junction of the railroad from Bucharest to Campulung and Piteshti.

Southwest of Bucharest the Rumanians have been repulsed as they also were in strong attacks to the south of the capital, a severe defeat being inflicted upon them, while cavalry succeeded in interfering with railroad communications in their rear.

The total prisoners taken yesterday was more than 8,000. Besides other valuable booty 35 guns were captured by the Danube army.

German Official Statement

The statement says:

"Strong Russian pressure was still maintained on the Transylvania east front. In the Trotus valley the enemy succeeded in making slight progress.

"German and Austro-Hungarian troops further south recaptured their position on a height which recently they had lost.

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—December 3 brought the battle in the Argechu river to a decision. The battle has been won.

Von Falkenhayn's Army

"The operations of the army of General Von Falkenhayn, which in the middle of November began with a victorious battle at Targujiu, and those of the German-Bulgarian-Turkish forces, which gained the north bank of the Danube, were crowded with success. The Danube army fighting under command of General Kosch from Svistow, the army group of Lieut-General Kuehne, advancing through Western Wallachia beyond Craiova in the group of Lieut-General Craft von Delmensingen, coming after hard engagement from the mountains and the German and Austro-Hungarian forces breaking ahead under command of Lieutenant General Von Worgen by way of Campulung, have now joined hands between the Danube and the mountains.

First Rumanian Army Defeated

"The left wing yesterday captured Tergovistea. Troops of Lieutenant General Crafft Von Delemensingen continued their victorious march from Piteshte and completely defeated the first Rumanian army. They drove the remnants beyond the Titu junction of railroads from Bucharest to Campulung and Piteshti in the arms of the oft-tested Forty-first infantry division led by Lieut-General Schmidt von Kubelsdorf.

"On the west bank of Argechu and northwest and west of Bucharest fighting continues and we are successfully progressing.

"Southwest of the fortress, the Rumanians were repulsed across the river Niaslov toward Argechu river. According to an order that has been found, they intended to defeat separately the Danube army while the Rumanian north wing—the First army—resisted.

South of Bucharest, strong Rumanian and Russian attacks have to be repulsed. Here also a heavy defeat was inflicted on the enemy. Our cavalry succeeded in interrupting the railroad beyond the Rumanian army.

Conduct of Troops Praised

"The conduct of our troops in the various engagements was beyond praise. They showed wonderful marching capacity. The rich country and the captured provision carts of which were filled, facilitated the victualing of our troops.

"The Rumanian army suffered the heaviest sanguinary losses. To the thousands of prisoners taken on preceding days more than 8,000 were added yesterday. The booty seized, including war material of all kinds, was incalculable. The Danube army captured 25 cannon and near Titu 13 locomotives with much rolling stock fell into our hands. The operations continue as planned. New fighting is to be expected.

"In Dobrudja there were no important engagements."

Chicago, Dec. 4.—After playing 13 years in the major leagues, Mordecai Brown, the famous three-fingured pitcher who has been with the Chicago National League Club since 1904, was given his unconditional release by Charles H. Weeghman, president of the club, tonight. Mr. Weeghman offered to aid Brown in obtaining a berth as a manager of a minor league club.

Tomorrow!

Helen Holmes in "A Lass of the Lumberlands"—Bijou. (advertisement.)

WM. R. CAMP DELIVERS ADDRESS AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Relates Experiences in Workings of New Federal Loan Act

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Experiences in the workings of the Federal Farm Loan act were related here tonight at the opening session of the Fourth National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits by William R. Camp. Mr. Camp is superintendent of Credit Unions and Rural Organizations, Division of Markets, North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service. He said in part:

"The organization of national farm loan association authorized by the federal farm loan act, has been relatively much faster than that of credit unions As soon as the federal law was passed we published an article on its advantages. Blanks were sent out so that individuals might apply for loans without waiting for the formation of local associations. These may be grouped later in larger or small local organizations.

"As a result of this educational campaign in North Carolina by November, 24, there were 57 national farm loan associations applying for $2,445,725 in loans ,and individual applications had been made for $699,325 more.

"The validity of these applications will depend largely on the defination of the word 'cultivator'. Will a farmer who merely owns, but does not work a farm, be a 'cultivator' in the same sense as an owner who never touched a machine is called a 'soap-maker'". In the south the man who would apply for a loan of $5,000 or $10,000 as permitted by the law would probably do no driving of a cultivator or plow himself, although this is contrary to what would be true in the west.

"The need of the south for a law like the Federal Farm Loan act is great as shown by the rapidity with which the farmers of North Carolina have organized under the law. Between the credit unions, for short time loans, and the national farm loan associations for long time loans, farmers will have a complete system of co-operative credit of their own, a system which can be made as complete for agriculture as the state and national banking system is for the commercial interest."

ALL FAYETTEVILLE COTTON MILLS INCREASE WAGES

Ten Per cent. Advance Given All Operatives—Elks Memorial

(Special Star Corresponden)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 4.—By Wednesday of this week every cotton mill in Fayetteville will have put into effect a ten per cent increase in wages. The Star correspondence has secured from Secretary E. W. Nolley of the Tolar-Hart mill, President H. W. Lilly of the Victory Manufacturing company and Secretary John M. Hodges of the Cape Fear mill authority to make public the announcement of the increase by their companies. The Aspen and Holt-Williamson mills had already announced a similar increase. In most cases the advance was referred to as a bonus, to be added to the operative's weekly earnings, but in the case of Victory mill it was designated as a 10 per cent increase in wages. This mill employs a large number of weavers as well as spinners.

Barring the reelection of Woodrow Wilson, this general addition to the pay roll of the textile workers of the community is the most gratifying piece of news that has come Fayetteville's way in some time, and is regarded as one of the best possible evidences of permanent prosperity.

Judge Francis D. Winston delivered the memorial address at the local observance of the Elks memorial day, before an audience which filled the LaFayette theatre yesterday afternoon. Judge Winston's address was marked by eloquence, scholarliness and deep feeling, and contained something in addition which placed it quite apart from the usual memorial address. He was introduced to his audience by Terry A. Lyon. An eloquent eulogy, of the departed members. "To Our Honored Dead." was delivered by Past Exalted Ruler James D. McNeill.

The services were generally declared the best that have been held here since the installation of the local lodge and were the best attended.

HAPPY HOOLIGAN IS NO MORE.

Famous Eating Place and Eye Sore in Hamlet Removed by Flames.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Hamlet, N. C., Dec. 4.—Happy Hooligan is no more. That is the Happy Hooligan that in years gone by made Hamlet famous, burned on Sunday night. All travelers who pass Hamlet know of the restaurant building standing near the Seaboard depot. It has been for several years used as a Greek restaurant and many dollars have been made in it. In the old days when saloons were numerous in Hamlet Hooligan was one of the leaders of them all. After the saloons passed Hooligan still managed for a long time to furnish liquid refreshments for the thirsty. Many ingenious ways were devised to supply the fluid. One of them was a dumb elevator, in which the purchaser would put his money and go off and in a few minutes the desired liquid would appear on the elevator. Several persons were finally convicted and served jail sentences, and some fled to distant states for the violation of the prohibition laws, and then Hooligan began its career as a supplier of food.

Hamlet has at last gotten rid of its greatest eyesore. The negro cook was badly burned in the fire, and is at this time in a critical condition. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove.

CRAIG BACK IN RALEIGH

Returns From Baltimore—Health Is Pronounced Good

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 4.—Governor Locke Craig's health has been pronounced by Baltimore specialists to be good. A widespread feeling has prevailed lately that Governor Craig was in a deplorable state of health, and it would seem that this was shared in to a certain extent by the governor himself, for last Tuesday he slipped away to Baltimore, where he had thorough examinations by Johns Hopkins hospital specialists. These pronounced that his ailment is only slight and will respond quickly to treatment.

He returned here Sunday and was on the platform at the auditorium, where a sacred concert was given for the benefit of blind soldiers of England, France and Belgium, though he took no part in the program. An offering was taken and some $400 realized for the cause in which the concert had been arranged.

Tomorrow!

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EPSTEIN TRIAL BEGINS.

Jury Selected and State's Witnesses Are Being Heard.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 4.—The trial of Hyman Epstein for the murder of Leonard Edwards began in the Superior court this morning, the major part of the day being used in the selection of the jury.

At the noon recess the jury had been empanneled and at the opening of the court this afternoon the State's witnesses were being examined.

This case will probably take up the entire week of the court, as at the last term the case resulted in a "hung jury."

The State has the opening and closing argument, which will be a long fought out battle between the opposing counsel.

Glass of Hot Water Before Breakfast a Splendid Habit

Open sluices of the system each morning and wash away the poisonous, stagnant matter.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise; splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty berath, acid stomach, lame back, can, instead, both look and feel as fresh as a daisy always by washing the poisons and toxins from the body with phosphated hot water each morning.

We should drink, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to flush from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract before putting more food into the stomach.

The action of limestone phosphate and hot water on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast and it is said to be but a little while until the roses begin to appear in the cheeks. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store, but is sufficient to make anyone who is bothered with biliousness, constipation, stomach trouble or rheumatism a real enthusiast on the subject of internal sanitation. Try it and you are assured that you will look better and feel better in every way shortly.

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RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$5,533,969.70	Capital Stock	$1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at Par)	602,500.00	Surplus and Net Profits	728,923.59
Bank Building	480,000.00	Circulation	543,300.00
Bonds and other Securities	326,600.00	Special Deposit Bonds	15,000.00
Liquidation Account, Southern National Bank	23,675.34	Acceptances	750,000.00
Customers' Liability Acceptances	750,000.00	Deposits	7,510,133.21
Cash and Due by Banks	2,810,611.76		
Total	$10,542,356.80	Total	$10,542,356.80

DEPOSITS:

Nov. 17th, 1914	$4,213,401.77
Nov. 17th, 1915	6,083,763.59
Nov. 17th, 1916	7,510,133.21

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BUSINESS AT HIGH LEVEL CONTINUES

Conditions Favorable Throughout the Country With Markets Extremely Active.

RESERVE AGENTS REPORT

Prices Still Going Up in Many Lines; High Levels of Production Set in Others—Serious Car Shortage General.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Continued favorable business conditions throughout the country, with all markets extremely active, prices still going up in many lines and high levels of production set in others, are noted in the Federal Reserve Board's monthly tabulation of reports from reserve agents, made public tonight. Serious car shortage was reported from nearly every section, however, during the past month, and was said to be the chief impediment to further increase of commercial and industrial activity.

A summary of conditions by districts follows:

Richmond—There is a continuance of reports of activity and prosperity from all portions of this district. Farmers are realizing highest prices in years, which more than make up for whatever shortage there may have been in quantity.

Cotton is selling at 20 cents and tobacco at an average of 20 to 25 cents per pound and other products almost relatively as high. Manufacturing is yield satisfactory, and in many cases, abnormal returns.

Atlanta—Business activity increased during November in nearly all lines over the preceding month. Retail trade was slightly disturbed by unseasonable weather.

New York—A number of new high records were made during the last month in commercial and industrial activities. All but a few reports indicate that no slackening was noted in activity.

Philadelphia—Manufacturing operations in practically all lines continue extremely active.

Boston—There is practically no line of trade that has not shown great expansion during the past year. The public generally is becoming accustomed to higher prices and retailers are passing the increase on to the consumer.

Cleveland—In almost very branch of the iron and steel business most mills are sold up through the entire year 1917. Car shortage is curtailing shipments.

Chicago—There is no recession in the general volume of business. Production and distribution are at high levels.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSE FOR ALL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

Over Two and a Half Billions is Figure Set in Reports to Congress.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Estimates of the expense of all branches of the government for the fiscal year 1918, for which the session of Congress assembling today must appropriate funds, total $1,268,715,824.

This sum is exclusive of $325,355,820 to be appropriated for the postal service which is expected to be returned to the treasury by postal revenue and a sinking fund appropriation of $60,748,000 toward the public debt.

The total appropriations for the fiscal year 1917 ending next June, exclusive of these two items, were $1,184,157,517.

The increase of some $84,000,000 represents the general trend of the constantly increased cost of government as well as the increased cost of living.

SAY GREEK KING IS PREPARING FOR WAR AGAINST THE ALLIES

London, Dec. 5. — Special dispatches of the Athens correspondents filed on Sunday at Piraeus, where the Entente allies control the telegraph lines, represent that last week's fighting in Athens was the result of "a deliberate trap, treacherously prepared by the king and the government," 25,000 troops being disposed around the positions which Vice Au Fournet had previously notified the Greek government he would occupy.

These troops then attacked the allies, who numbered 3,000. The latter fought until their ammunition was exhausted, and then yielded, except a detachment of 100, who tried to cut their way through. Only thirty of these escaped.

According to the same accounts, King Constantine is quietly mobilizing and preparing for war against the Allies, intending to co-operate with a section of Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces, who is expected at the Monastir front, by attacking General Carrail's flank.

It also is stated that the Greeks are advancing on Piraeus.

MURGUIA'S AND TREVINO'S FORCES BACK IN CAPITAL

Chihuahua City, via El Paso Junction, Dec. 4.—All of General Murguia's forces have entered the city and General Trevino's forces are also back in the capital, making a total of approximately 12,000 troops there now.

General Murguia has sent his cavalry in pursuit of Villa's forces to the west. General Murgia has assumed command of the troops here.

This message from the Associated Press correspondent was the first information received from him since November 26. It made no mention of German Vice Consul Ketelsen or any other foreigners having been killed in Chihuahua City.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 4.—Miss Mattie Anderson, a school teacher from Front Royal, Va., committed suicide here today by drowning in the ocean. She was walking with her mother on the board walk when she suddenly dashed into the water and resisted rescue. She is said to have been suffering from a nervous breakdown.

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CABINET CRISIS IS NOT YET EXPLAINED

Asquith Announces That the King Has Approved His Proposal for a Reconstruction.

ALL MINISTERS RESIGNED?

Statement Made in House of Commons by Sir James Henry Dalziel is Not Denied by the British Premier—Adjournment.

London, Dec. 4.—The expectation that an explanation of the cabinet crisis and its solution would be forthcoming when the House of Commons met today was not realized. Premier Asquith simply announced King George had approved his proposal for reconstruction of the government which was forced by the demand of War Secretary Lloyd-George and other ministers for a smaller war council with powers independent of the cabinet.

The premier suggested that the House adjourn after today's business, which was non-controversial, until Thursday.

A statement made by Sir James Henry Dalziel, liberal member of Kircaldy Burghs, that the resignations of all the ministers have been handed to the Premier, was not denied. This was taken as an indication that details of the reconstruction had not yet been agreed upon.

Lloyd George Not Present.

Mr. Lloyd-George was not present during the sitting, but all the other prominent figures in the crisis appeared. Mr. Asquith made his announcement when a question was asked in regard to an appointment of a food dicator. Mr. Asquith said no one had been appointed and then made the suggestion that such questions be postponed until the re-construction was consummated.

When members of the House suggested a longer adjournment than to Thursday, on the ground that it was not certain the Premier would make a definite announcement on that day and that the House should be given an opportunity to discuss the new situation, Mr. Asquith said:

No Change of Policy

"I desire to make it perfectly plain to the House and to the country that whatever reconstruction of a cabinet takes place it involves no departure in any shape from the policy already announced and pursued since the beginning of the war. If any one encourages or entertains the idea that there is any question of a change of policy, I can assure them they are entirely mistaken".

CONFLICT BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN STRATEGY?

London, Dec. 4. — The real basis of the political crisis, according to the parliamentary correspondent of The Star, is a conflict between eastern and western strategy.

"The westerners," says the correspondent, "favor concentrating the whole man power on the western front, forcing the Germans to fight out the war in France and Flanders. They argue that the lines of communication to the western front are short and secure, and that they devour less ships, while the deviation of the forces to the eastern theatre would place an intolerable strain on our depleted shipping.

"The eastern school is in favor of standing on the defensive on the western front, and take the offensive from Saloniki, whither they propose to send a huge army, between a half million and a million men. The westerners regard this as lunacy, which is only too likely to lead to disaster by playing the Germans' game, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's supreme aim being to shift the center of gravity from France to the Balkans. The Somme offensive is one thing he dreads. David Lloyd-George supports the easterners."

$800,000,000 ESTIMATE FOR ARMY AND NAVY IN YEAR 1918

Estimates for Maintaining and Strengthening Presented to Congress

Washington Dec. 4.—Estimates for maintaining and strengthening the army and navy during the fiscal year 1918 indicate that Congress will be asked this winter to provide about $800,000,000 for that purpose.

The total of estimates already submitted and made public today when Congress convened, is $767,584,560 to cover the military activities of both departments. Statements made by navy officials to the House Naval committee now considering that bill, have foreshadowed however, large supplementary estimates to be submitted later, and a similar situation exists at the War Department.

The preliminary estimate for the army is $373,074,545 an increase of about $70,000,000 over the amount appropriated for 1917. The navy total of $379,151,701 isan increase of $66,451,146 over 1917 figures. Panama Canal fortifications will take $5,358,300, an increase of about $300,000.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO REPRESENT THE MINOR BASEBALL LEAGUES

Boston, Mass., Dec. 4.—The committee which will represent the minor baseball leagues in requesting the National and American leagues for support in the establishment of a new baseball commission was named today by Timothy H. Murnane, vice president of the National Association of Professional Leagues, as follows:

J. Cal Ewing, of San Francisco; Thos. Chivington, president of the American Association, and Edward Barrow, president of the International League.

They will meet the National League club owners at their annual meeting in New York and then go to Chicago for a conference with the American League representatives.

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White Ivorywear large Trays, for **98¢.**
White Ivorywear Manicure Sets, for **98¢.**
White Ivorywear Comb and Brush Sets, for **$2.00** and up.
White Ivorywear Toilet Article Sets, priced at **$4.75** to **$19.75.**
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All Trimmed Hats are included in this Clearance Sale of Fall and Winter Millinery. You know of the quality and style of Bon Marche Millinery, and this sale will acquaint many with the wearing qualities of our Hats.

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BOMBS PLANTED IN STEAMERS WHILE IN NEW YORK HARBOR

Result in Destruction of Many Vessels and Millions of Treasure

New York, Dec. 4.—The steamships blown up in the Russian harbor of Archangle with the loss of millions of dollars in munitions and other war supplies were destroyed by bombs placed in the cargoes and the ships at their piers of the Bush Terminal Company in this city, it was charged today at police headquarters by the commercial agent here of the Imperial Russian embassy.

According to the Russian representative, C. I. Nedzilkhovsky, the bombs were planted to hide evidence of extensive thefts in this country from the cargoes.

Samuel Gatter, a Brooklyn junk dealer, has been arrested in connection with the case on a Federal charge of having stolen articles in his possession. The police allege that Gatter had in his possession binoculars which had been identified as part of a $12,000 shipment, consigned to the Russian government by a Rochester firm.

The official report of the explosion from Petrograd said 341 persons were killed and 667 hurt. According to the German Overseas News Agency, seven steamers were blown up and 37 storehouses were razed by the force of the explosion.

This German report said that a German submarine was responsible having torpedoed the steamer Baron Brecini, one of the ships at anchor in the harbor. The report described the harbor as resembling at the time a "burning volcano".

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HOW TO BE SLIM

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Weigh yourself once a week and note what a pleasant and reliable method this is for removing superfluous fat from any part of the body.

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TUESDAY DECEMBER, 5, 1916

TOP O' THE MORNING.

"Some men uses big words," said Uncle Eben, "de same as a turkey spreads his tail feathers. Dey makes an elegant impression, but dey don't represent no real meat."—Exchange.

Stick to yuh colors.

After it's all over we won't know what hit us.

When a fellow gets the women after him he knows that he must be a bad egg.

Some of us keep fat in spite of ourselves. Maybe it's the same way with the slim jims.

One of the funerals that will be good for two countries is the long delayed obsequies of Villa.

When the women get after you, make out like you are not it. Well, that's what yuh'd better do.

Santa Claus is a spirit—the spirit of belevolence and generosity. Have you any Santa Claus in you?

Tom Watson has been acquitted, but Tom should no longer be guilty of mistaking bigotry for religion.

When will the soaring prices ever stop soaring? That's the question that's making father scratch his head.

When we don't know that we don't know much of anything we are in a bad fix. We are liable to dispute such men as Solomon.

Some people seem to regard a trombone beginner as a trombone head. It's owing to whether he practices in the neighborhood.

Just at the present time Vance McCormick would stand a good chance of getting the Democratic nomination for president in 1920.

We want eggs when they cost one cent each, but we don't need eggs when they sell for five cents a piece. Some people only imagine that they need them.

The rise and fall in the price of diamonds does not interest most people, for the simple reason that diamonds at any cost are too high for most people to buy. We may want them, but we don't need them.

This is to be a big week for the daily newspapers of North Carolina. In addition to the convening of Congress, the President's address to that body and the annual reports of the various and sundry government departments and bureaus, we have in this State the North Carolina Methodist Conference, the Baptist State Convention, the anual meeting of the North Carolina Historical Society, two addresses by ex-President Taft and the State Newspapers Institute at Chapel Hill—to say nothing of the Epuropean and Mexican wars, the general routine and the big news that usually breaks at the wrong time for convenience.

True courage is a rare virtue, but in the absence of it the calamity, howler gets a hearing. The calamity howler counts upon a cowardly audience, but where there is courage, those who fancy that every shadow is a crouching wolf gets the laugh. About the biggest coward in a time of trial is the calamity howler. The man with hope, courage and fortitude is a hero. We find out who the best men are when the test of courage comes and there are men who are Johnny on the spot. We don't like a calamity howler, anyhow. The grandest men we ever saw were the Johnny Rebs who could eat corn bread, drink branch water, pass along a few jokes and be right there when three times their number tried to get their goat. Yes, the old boys were the real grit.

A FREE WORLD

Lots of men who don't know any better call the Democratic party a "free trade party," because it stood for "free trade and sailors' rights." In the early part of the nineteenth century the Democratic party promulgated a principle that the whole world is drifting to. The world is more than 100 years behind the Democratic party, but the old world is trying to catch up.

Along about 1812 the Democratic party reasserted the principle of "free trade and sailors' rights"—in other words, unmolested trading rights on the world's seas and the rights of sailors to the protection of the flag flying over the vessel upon which they were serving at sea. In the Wilson interpretation of the same principle we get a clearer vision of it in his demand for "free seas"—seas free to all the nations of the world.

People who mix up "free trade" with the tariff question don't know what they are talking about. President Wilson states with emphasis its real meaning in "free seas"—and the man who is not for "free trade" or free seas for all nations and all peoples is several centuries behind the times. It really took such a monstrous war in Europe to open the eyes of the world to the true meaning of the Democratic principle of "free trade." For instance, a London dispatch, dated Sunday, December 3, says:

"An event surpassing in far reaching importance the actual military operations of the war comes today in the public announcement by the new Russian premier, Alexander Trepoff, that by an agreement concluded in 1915 and subsequently adhered to by Italy, the Allies, definitely established Russia's right to Constantinople and the straits. The existence of this agreement has been for a long time alleged, but never before was it thus publicly and formally admitted."

Well, it was a long time coming! Russia has fought nearly a score of wars for "free trade," for free seas. She has had no outlet to the world's waters for the immense production of her millions of people. She has been denied free access to the Mediterranean and the Atlantic by way of Constantinople. She has fought more than a dozen wars to get hold of Constantinople, whereas if she had been granted free rights to the seas of the world by way of Constantinople there would have been no use for her to fight. She did not want Constantinople, but she wanted free seas, and if she could have gotten them she would have been satisfied.

Who kept Russia from having a commercial outlet to the seas of the world? Who put the "buffer states" of Europe on the water front of Europe to keep all of Central Europe from using the waters of the earth for trade? Who knows the real meaning of the "buffer states," or ever stopped to think why there are such states and what power on earth could bottle up a whole continent by enough of such sea front states to keep nine-tenths of Europe from having free trade with the world?

Well, it does not make any difference which nation or nations are responsible for it. Democratic justice for the whole world is dawning upon all nations. It seems to have taken a world war for them to get their eyes open to the Democratic principle of "free trade" or "free seas" as President Wilson puts it. We knew the minute that Wilson declared for "free seas" he had interpreted the Democratic doctrine of "free trade" into a world meaning expressed in academic terms—free seas for all nations and all peoples.

Yes, at last they are acknowledging that Russia is entitled to Constantinople, or rather that she is entitled to free access to all the seas of the world. That is international justice and if it had prevailed heretofore there would have been no such European war as prevails at present.

When the world's nations accept President Wilson's "free seas" doctrine they won't have to fight commercial wars of such magnitude as the present holocaust that is exhausting all Europe. "Free seas" and international justice—"free trade" on the waters of the earth—will make all nations members of a world brotherhood of nations.

THE SOUTH'S FINANCIAL CAPITAL

The Richmond Virginian calls attention to the fact that the rapid yet steady growth of Richmond's financial interests is, beyond doubt, the remarkable development of the year in Richmond's business history. Since Richmond is the Reserve banking center of this portion of the South Atlantic, the financial showing there is significant. Richmond is the financial capital of the South Atlantic and the splendid showing of the regional reserve bank in the Virginia city reflects prosperity conditions in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. The Virginian says:

"Richmond's banks are full of money, showing an increase between the comptroller's calls of September 12 and November 7 of $12,042,364 in deposits, running the total amount on deposit in the city's banking institutions up to the staggering total of $82,088,042, breaking all of the city's banking records.

"As told in our news columns yesterday, the Richmond Clearing House Association report for November, showing clearings for the month of $103,333,134, was another record-breaker, exceeding by $39,586,744 the corresponding month for 1916. In addition thereto, the Richmond Country Clearing Association reported a total for the month of $17,032,300.

"Richmond's banking growth has not been ephemeral. It has just gone forward month after month and year after year. The foundation has been laid deep in the rock of sane but liberal methods. Our banks have built up their town, their State and the South along with their own business.

"Richmond won the Regional Reserve bank because it was able to show that its banking capital had not been used merely for local banking needs, but had been used in the financing of the neighboring Southern States to an extraordinarily liberal degree. With the Regional bank here, Richmond's ability to aid in securing the financial independence of the South has been immeasurably increased and the city has become the undisputed financial capital of the South."

The significant part of the Virginian's financial analysis is the remarkable showing made by the Regional Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond, which reflects conditions in this group of states. The report issued a few days ago shows that the Reserve bank's total resources now are $42,173,691 with $18,340,690 in Federal reserve notes in circulation. Its gold reserve against all liabilities is 91 per cent. The amount of its clearings for November reached $133,969,400.

LAND SHOW AT ATLANTA

The Southeastern Land Show is to be held in Atlanta in February and already the various counties in Georgia are making arrangements for booths at the show. The counties in both South Carolina and Alabama also are expected to take advantage of the show. The land show is to be held from February 1 to February 15, and the Atlanta management already has received many applications from live counties in Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, and Florida. Each day also brings a vast number of inquiries about the land show—what it is to be and what is to be seen at the show—such inquiries coming from New England and other sections of the country as far away as the states of Washington and California on the Pacific slope.

The object of the land show is to show what Southern lands can grow—what kind and variety of products, how much per acre of each can be produced, how many crops a season, and what kinds of livestock can be maintained to advantage on Southern lands. It ha been demonstrated that the Southeast is the Nation's most adaptable cattle and hog country, and the crops and the livestock specimens, with all the particulars, are to be shown in Atlanta.

Visitors can see for themselves what Southern soil can do for intelligent people who wish to raise various kinds of crops and raise dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, hogs and farm animals of every kind. People will know first hand how to raise livestock and how to raise the foodstuffs that make them more profitable than any kind of stock can be raised in the West.

If people from the North and the West could take in that land show, they would learn something about the South, but there is plenty for us to learn ourselves if we will only get wide-awake and realize the opportunities that are here for us as well as all people who are looking for broader opportunities and new homes.

OH, THE BOOBS DON'T KNOW.

The Chicago Tribune insists that "the South is still in the saddle." Oh, well, that is all that the Tribune knows about it. The South is never still. Those like the Tribune only imagine that the South is still. Why, if the South were still, it certainly would not be in the saddle. A whole lot of people up north only imagine that Southerners are lazy. Shuh! They are victims of their imagination. Tut! Tut! The South is up bright and early, getting in the saddle, while the boobs are waiting for somebody to wake them up. The trouble with boobs is that they really don't know that they are boobs.

Says the Memphis Commercial Appeal: "Tom Marshall does not seem to play even second fiddle in public interest, and yet if anything happened to Wilson, he would be president. How is Woodrow's cold?" Well, a cold is nature's way of throwing off effluvia, but if your Uncle Tom should happen to fall heir to the presidency, we would realize how easy it is for a grand Democrat to adjust himself to the situation. They don't seem to know Marshall.

CURRENT COMMENT.

If the Democrats control the organization of the next House of Representatives, Hon. John H. Small, of the First North Carolina district, will be chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors. From fifth place on that committee he becomes eligible to head it by a series of fortuitous circumstances. The present chairman, Representative Sparkman, of Florida, was not renominated; Representative Burgess, of Texas, was not renominated; Representative Humphreys, of Mississippi, was made chairman of another committee, and relinquished his place on the rivers and harbors committee. Representative Edwards, of Georgia, was not renominated. That cleared the way for Mr. Small. Mr. Small is well and favorably known in Norfolk, and has gained a national reputation by his earnest and effective advocacy of a comprehensive system of internal navigation. His promotion would ba a fit return for public services capably and faithfully rendered.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

"The Charlotte Observer, which freely advocated the adoption of the amendments," says the Greensboro Record, in an article discussing "one of the four sacred." Beg pardon. At the very beginning the Observer called attention to the trouble the charter amendment would certainly involve Charlotte in, and probably other cities as well, and after that it had but very little to say about the references to the one in which it saw danger. These references, however, were not in the direction of an endorsement. To be perfectly candid, this paper had at no time thought the adoption of the amendments a probability. If it had taken any part in the amendment campaign, that part would have been in opposition, because of the trouble that lurked in the charter amendment, and because of the further fact that the failure of the amendments would have been a matter of small consequence to the State.—Charlotte Observer.

A service of value to the State is being done by the State Literary and Historical Association, which in the years of its existence has been a factor in improving the literary work of our writers because of the inspiration which it has given, at the same time proving of value in securing an increased attention to affairs relating to our history. And no small part has been played by it in bringing to the State men of high renown in the world of letters, of art, of statecraft. Because of its work North Carolinians have had opportunity to hear addresses by leaders of thought in various lines, and this year another programme of great interest has been arranged for the session on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. This will be the seventeenth annual session and the principal speaker will be former President William Howard Taft, whose address on Wednesday evening will be on the subject of "Edward Livingston and His Relations to John Marshall, Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson." the career of Mr. Livingston, one of the most interesting and romantic in the annals of American history, his activities being shown in that he served a number of terms in both Houses of Congress, was Secretary of State under President Andrew Jackson and at one time was our minister to France. Mr. L. Ames Brown, a young North Carolinian who has attained prominence in the newspaper world, will speak on "The Outlook in Our Foreign Relations," his address having been passed upon by President Wilson, while man prominent in the literary and historical life of the State will also deliver addresses. There will be various reports and the Patterson Memorial Cup will be awarded, the entire programme being of interest, as is also that of the North Carolina Folk Lore Society, which meets in connection with the State Historical Association. A large number of visitors are expected to be in the city, and the outlook is for a meeting of large interest and great value.—Raleigh News and Observer.

SUMMARIZES WORK OF THE BAPTISTS DURING THE YEAR

Secretary Middleton Prepares Statistics For State Convention

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 4.—E. L. Middleton, statistical secretary of the Baptist State convention, issues a statistical summary of the work the past year in preparation for the State Convention in Elizabeth City. There are 64 associations and 2,161 churches with 277,337. There were 16,101 baptisms reported. Contributions to convention objects were State Missions, $53,586; Home Missions, $36,986; foreign missions, $62,057; Sunday school Missions, $3,180; Orphanage, $58,278; Christian education, $16,050; Ministerial relief, $5,159; total $234,262. This is a gain of $26,067. The average per capita contributions was 84 cents, a gain of 6 cents over last year. The average church membership is 129 and average baptisms 11.

There are 2,123 Sunday schools with 221,148 membership, a gain of three schools and 6,093 members. About 16 churches have no Sunday schools. Liberty, Piedmont and South Yadkin associations have larger Sunday school membership than church membership. Three colleges and sixteen secondary schools are owned or controlled by the convention. The property value is $1,842,123.

There are Womans' Missionary Unions in 53 associations. Associational superintendents are maintained by 43 of these. There are 1,212 societies. They raised $16,759 for regular objects and $6,199 for the Judson building fund, a gain of $7,959 for all purposes over last year. The Mecklenburg-Cabarrus, Mt. Zion, Pilot Mountain Roanoke Association societies each raised over $2,000 for the womens' work.

SLAYER OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF IS OUTLAWED

Commissioners Offer Reward and Ask Governor to do Likewise

(Special Star Telegram)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 4.—Carl Bryant, negro, who killed Deputy Sheriff Frank J. Dees on November 19, was outlawed by three magistrates today, and the Cumberland county commissioners, meeting here, offered a reward of $150 for his arrest. Governor Craig will be asked to double the reward, thus placing a price of $450 on Bryant's head.

A Sensation!
Venetian Trio—Greatest Act Ever Presented in Wilmington.—Adv.

Man Is A Machine.

(By Dr. I. W. Short.)

The body is a highly organized machine of complicated parts in which the liver and kidneys work for the common good. Damage to either one of these organs interferes with man as a motor mechanism. The automobile expert knows how important it is that the carburetor does not get too much fuel, along with sufficient air to burn or explode the gas. Too much fuel in man's machine, such as eating too much meat, or alcohol or tea, and the liver cannot "turn over," nervous overwork and lack of exercise in outdoor air bring constipation and bad health. Eat less meat, plenty of vegetables, and with air and good exercise you need little else. If the liver needs rousing—and most of us need this once a week—take a safe vegetable extract of the leaves of aloe, of May-apple, root of jalap made into a tiny sugar-coated pill, and sold by almost every druggist as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets—first put up nearly 50 years ago.

Most people die eventually of an over-acid condition. If the blood can be rendered more alkaline, the longer we live. With regular hours, plenty of water between meals, sensible coarse food and a chance to get the poisons out of the system, a man will live to be a hundred. But, unfortunately, our highly nervous way of living brings increased storage of uric acid in the body. This acts as a poison, and we suffer from lumbago, aches or pains, rheumatism, gout.

Get rid of this uric acid poison by taking a harmless medicine called Anuric, which throws out the uric acid by stimulating the kidneys. Drink a pint of hot water a full half hour before meals and take Anuric three or four times a day. Anuric can be obtained at almost any drug store.

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TALKS ON THRIFT

THRIFT CAMPAIGN SERIES

OUR NATIONAL BILL FOR THE NEEDLESS

So eminent an authority as Dr. Eliot of Harvard has compiled the following table as showing the amount spent annually by the American people for "things that are not bread."

Intoxicating liquors	$2,200,000,000
Tobacco	1,000,000,000
Jewelry and plate	800,000,000
Automobiles	500,000,000
Confectionery	200,000,000
Soft drinks	120,000,000
Tea and Coffee	100,000,000
Millinery	90,000,000
Patent Medicines	80,000,000
Chewing Gum	13,000,000
	$5,303,000,000

If a national board of efficiency experts were called upon to cut down these expenditures and cut out the needless, great differences of opinion would arise. The man who is addicted to liquor would call liquor a necessity. The tobacco user would claim the same for the weed. The imbiber of soda and soft drinks would claim the same for his indulgences and the patent medicine man would tell you that you will surely die if you do not take Dr. Blank's nervetonic. The woman with a sweet tooth would say she could not do without her box of candy, and the habitual chewer of gum would tell you that chewing gum was good for the digestion and place that as a necessity of life; while the tea and coffee fiend would surely find life not worth the living if the morning and evening draught were missing from the menu. But be this as it may, we must conclude that an enormous amount of money is spent for frivolities that give us no lasting pleasure, and do no permanent good.

We can never hope to get away from habit, for we are all creatures that do things because we have always done them, and even admitting that frivolity habits give employment to a large number of people, the harm done is often greater than the resultant good.

As a rule we do not spend our money in large amounts, but in small sums. A certain lawyer who had been unable to save any money and at forty-five found himself a thriftless man, endeavored to analyze the reason for his inability to get ahead. For a month he kept track of his spendings and found that his money got away from him in driblets—a nickel here and there, dimes and quarters handed out on every side until the sum total was amazing. It is surprising how much our frivolity bill is when we come to reckon it up. And if you are unable to save money it may be because of wasteful habits. In fact, many people would not dare to keep an expense account, lest the figures prove facts they do not care to face.

Every street railroad in the country, every summer resort, every soda fountain, every cigar store and every saloon lives by virtue of the nickel and the dime multiplied indefinitely. But in the multiplication of nickels comes the millions.

The lesson we all need to learn (and it is not an easy one) is the art of conserving little things. If you doubt the facts above stated and fear to face them in cold figures, get a little pocket bank and every time you are tempted to spend money for that which is unnecessary, drop it in your little bank and watch the results. They will prove interesting if not surprising.

Star Business Locals Get Results

ALL ARE RE-ELECTED EXCEPT THE ATTORNEY

Bellamy & Bellamy Chosen to Succeed Graham Kenan, Esq.

Board of Commissioners Hold First Meeting for New Year—Newly Installed Officers File Bonds. Other Matters.

With the single exception of the county attorney, all officers who have been serving by appointment of the Board of County Commissioners were re-elected at the first meeting of the Board for the new year yesterday afternoon. The law firm of Bellamy & Bellamy were elected as attorneys to the board to succeed Graham Kenan, Esq.

The re-election of the other officers was decided upon at a conference of the board Friday afternoon and the election yesterday was simply a formality. All of the county officers whose terms of office began yesterday, who are required to have bonds filed them with the board.

Commissioner W. D. MacMillan, Jr., acted as temporary chairman pending the re-organization of the board after Chairman W. A. McGirt and Commissioners Addison Hewlett and W. E. Yopp had qualified as members of the board for the next four years.

Upon motion of Commissioner Yopp, Chairman McGirt was unanimously re-elected to his position and in a brief address expressed his appreciation of the confidence reposed in him and of the honor conferred upon him. He felt quite sure, he declared, that there would be the heartiest co-operation and that all could look forward to a good year. He extended a welcome to Commissioner Hewlett and expressed pleasure that the county outside of Wilmington now has two members on the board. As for himself he would endeavor to meet the responsibilities placed upon him to the best of his ability.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hewlett, seconded by Commissioner Yopp, the firm of Bellamy & Bellamy which is composed of John D. Bellamy, Esq., and Marsden Bellamy, Esq., was elected as attorneys to the board for the ensuing year. The election was unanimous but before the ballot was taken, Chairman McGirt expressed his appreciation of the splendid service that has been rendered by Graham Kenan, Esq., in this position and declared that it was with personal regret that he saw him give up the place.

Mr. W. A. Williams was re-elected as clerk to the board at a salary of $1,700 a year. Mr. Thos. K. Woody was re-elected as clerk to the auditor at a salary of $75 a month. Mr. R. A. Burnett was re-elected as superintendent of the county roads at a salary of $135 a month. Mr. F. J. Dempsey was continued as superintendent of the county home at a salary of $90 a month, and Mr. F. M. Rivenbark as superintendent of the county work house at a salary of $75 a month. Mr. H. Mack Godwin was re-elected as county officer at a salary of $75 a month and Mr. Leon L. Motte was continued as court stenographer at a similar salary.

Mr. J. P. Herring was re-elected county farm demonstrator at the same salary he has been receiving. The county pays him $65 a month and the State $60 a month. Mr. J. B. Hewlett was continued as fish inspector and Mr. G. C. Simmons as standard keeper. Mr. Edward George was re-appointed as court house janitor at a salary of $70 a month. Mr. J. M. Anderson was elected keeper of the Northeast river bridge at a salary of $30 a month and Mr. F. W. Cornish as keeper of Oak Grove cemetery at a salary of $25 a month.

All of the salaries remain the same as last year with the exception of the court house janitor, who gets a raise of $5 a month.

A telegram was read from former Commissioner M. S. Willard, who is now away on his bridal trip, extending congratulations. This message was sent Sunday from aboard the steamship "Tenachores" via wireless to New Orleans and thence by telegraph to Wilmington to Chairman McGirt and read as follows: "Present congratulations to Mr. Hewlett. Best wishes for success new administration."

Bonds were presented and accepted for the different county officers as follows: Sheriff George C. Jackson, $30,000; Register of Deeds John Haar, $5,000; Auditor J. A. Orrell, $80,000; Superintendent of County Home F. J. Dempsey, $1,000; Coroner A. S. Holden, $1,000; Special Officer H. Mack Godwin, $1,000; Standard Keeper G. C. Simmons, $200. On account of delay in getting bond, Constable John H. Davis did not qualify yesterday but will do so later.

Chairman McGirt announced the appointment of committees for the year as follows:

Permanent roads—McGirt, MacMillan and Hewlett.

County roads—Hewlett, Kerr and Yopp.

Bridges—MacMillan, Yopp and Kerr.

Court house and jail—Yopp, Kerr and MacMillan.

County farm and home—Kerr, Hewlett and McGirt.

Oak Grove—Yopp.

Chairman Woodus Kellum, of the Board of Education, appeared before the board to suggest that some steps be taken for securing deep wells for the rural schools. He felt quite sure that this would inure to the public benefit as it is recognized that there is nothing more desirable to improve health conditions. Only one or two schools now have deep wells. The board asked Chairman McGirt to take up the matter with Mr. Kellum and to make a report later.

The three beach corporations who have contracted with the county to improve the road from Carolina Beach to Fort Fisher Sea Beach, a distance of 2 1-4 miles, sent a communication to the board explaining that on account of trouble in getting specifications that it would be impossible to start work before the first of the year. The board went on record as opposing further delay and called upon the beach companies to get started on the work, certainly not later than January 1st or else the county will call upon their bondsmen to make good the guarantee that the road will be built.

Appreciation for the splendid work done by the committee in charge of the Corn Show was expressed in a special resolution and Farm Demonstrator Herring was authorized to continue to

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CHRISTMAS THEFTS BEGIN

Five Robberies and Attempts Were Reported to the Police Yesterday Morning—No Clues Left.

Certain lawless individuals about Wilmington, who are inoculated with the idea that the world owes them a living, have started in to do their Christmas swiping early. Sunday night seemed an opportune time to start the Yuletide drive, so two pilfered residences, a raided store room, a looted hen coop, and an attempted entrance to a store were reported at police headquarters yesterday morning.

The individual who attempted to enter Beery's Department store at Fourth and Castle streets, was caught in the act by Policeman W. H. Rivenbark, just as he was inserting an axe to the rear door. The discovery was mutual and the culprit who was a negro, took flight down Haynes Alley, pursued by two steel pellets from the officer's gun. He made good his escape.

The two residences reported as entered were those of Rev. Andrew J. Howell, at No. 1916 Market street, and Mr. W. M. Collins, No. 1920 Market street. It was not stated what was stolen from Mr. Howell's residence. He called the officers during the night and told them of the occurrence and Policeman Kermon was sent to the scene but failed to find any clue to the perpetrators.

The report from Mr. Collins was received yesterday morning, and was to the effect that a pair of leather gloves had been taken. Mr. J. B. Newkirk, of Manhattan, reported that 100 pounds of meat had been removed from his store room during the night. No clues could be found.

The chicken robbery was at the residence of Kay Onslow, No. 1015 Grace street.

BEGINS THURSDAY, DEC. 7TH

Big Window Contest of Much Importance and Interest

Elsewhere in today's paper appears a complete list of the merchants who have signified to the Chamber of Commerce that they will enter the Window Trimming Contest, which begins Thursday of this week at 7:30 o'clock and lasts through Saturday.

The contest is under the direction of the Advertising Committee of the organization. It was decided yesterday to award first and second prizes under each of the five classifications. This will mean that ten prizes will be given, with the best display in each receiving $7.00 and the second best $3.00.

With the approach of the contest more interest is being manifested by the merchants each day, and the publicity already given the proposition has already had the tendency to start the Christmas shopping earlier than usual. There were crowds of shoppers in all the stores yesterday and the people are looking forward with a great dea lof interest to the big event this week when the merchants will remain open evenings with the big display of the Christmas season and will have their windows decorated most attractively as participants in the contest. The judges for the event will be announced before the contest begins. There are forty-five Wilmington merchants who will take part and it promises to be unusually interesting and to attract large crowd for the three evenings.

MR. STOCKARD PROMOTED.

Car Accountant is Made Superintendent of Car Service of Coast Line.

Effective December 1, Mr. S. A. Stockard, who has for a number of years served very efficiently as car accountant for the Atlantic Coast Line in the general offices in Wilmington, was promoted to superintendent of the car service, according to a circular issued from the office of Mr. J. T. King, general superintendent of transportation, and approved by Mr. P. R. Albright, general manager of the system.

Mr. Stockard's duties will be enlarged and his new position will be a more responsible one. While the office of car accountant has been abolished, the new appointment comes as a well merited promotion.

Mr. Stockard is a son of the late Jerome J. Stockard, who was for many years the beloved president of Peace Institute in Raleigh and whose reputation as a poet and writer is so well known to all acquainted with the literary life of the State.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SHRIER.

Remains of Aged Woman Laid to Rest at Oakdale Yesterday.

Attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, the remains of Mrs. I. Shrier were interred at Oakdale cemetery at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, following a funeral service conducted from the residence, No. 409 Princess street, by Dr. S. Mendelsohn, rabbi of the Temple of Israel.

The many beuatiful floral tributes that were received attested in a small measure to the esteem in which Mrs. Shrier was held. Many of the designs came from New York and other distant cities, where the deceased was known and loved. The following acted as pallbearers: Honorary, Messrs. H. F. Wilder, W. H. Yopp, J. W. Yates and Ben Solomon. Active, Messrs. E. L. Davis, E. H. Brown, William Struthers, Jr., Sigmund Bear, Henry Weil and Anson Allligood.

GOES TO FLORIDA CHURCH.

Rev. O. T. Mattox Resigns as Pastor of Advent Christian Church.

Rev. O. T. Mattox, who has for the past several years been pastor of the Fourth Street Advent Christian church in Wilmington, has resigned his pastorate in order to accept a call to a church in Florida. The many friends of Mr. Mattox will regret to see him leave, but will wish him well in his new field of endeavor.

It is understood that the congregation of the local church have several men under consideration as a successor to Mr. Mattox, but have not as yet definitely decided who will be called.

Will Confer Degrees Tonight.

There will be a stated communication of Johnston Blakely Lodge of Perfection, No. 5, Scottish Rite Masons, in the Consistory chamber of the Masonic Temple tonight at 8 o'clock. At 8:30 o'clock the conferring the degrees of Secret Master, Perfect Master and Confidential Secretary will begin. All members are urged to be present at the business session.

A Sensation!

Venetian Trio—Greatest Act Ever Presented in Wilmington.—Adv.

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

Inauguration Day in New Hanover Observed Appropriately.

Filing of Bonds Was Important Part Of Exercises at County Court House When Officers Began Their New Terms

Yesterday was inauguration day in New Hanover County for all new and re-elected county officials, in accordance with the law which prescribes that on the first Monday of December such officials shall take the oath and be declared the lawful incumbents of the offices for they sought and received the votes of the people. Bonds for all officials of whom they are required, were also furnished or renewed. The filing of the bond is important as no official of whom it is required can assume office until it is furnished and approved.

The oaths of office were administered to all the officials with one exception, by Maj. W. N. Harriss, clerk of Superior Court. The exception was Recorder George Harriss, who was sworn in by Justice of Peace Gerritt Walker. The oaths are rather long and one of the most significant phrases contained therein is the promise to "well and truly perform the duties of the office".

Mr. John Haar, veteran of the court house officials who were sworn in yesterday, was first elected Register of Deeds in 1890 and has held that office continuously since that time with the exception of ten years.

Coroner Alex. Holden will take the oath of office some time today.

The clerk of the Superior Court and the County Auditor, John A. Orrell, are the only county officials who hold office for four years. Their terms will not expire until two years hence.

Sheriff George C. Jackson, who became chief peace officer of New Hanover County yesterday, succeeding Sheriff S. P. Cowan, was a visitor to yesterday morning's session of Superior Court at which time he was introduced to Judge G. W. Connor, presiding at the civil term which opened yesterday. As sheriff, Mr. Jackson will open Superior Court this morning. After being introduced to Judge Connor, Sheriff Jackson went down stairs where he opened the session of Recorder's court. Hereafter the Recorder's court will be opened by the New County Jailer, Mr. R. L. Harker, who is also a deputy sheriff.

Other deputies of the Sheriff's office, who were sworn in yesterday, included Office Deputy M. Cronly, who has served very efficiently in this position for the past six years, and Deputy A. L. Kelly, who was also reappointed to his position by Sheriff Jackson, and Jailer R. L. Harker and Field Deputy J. J. Rackley, who succeeded to the positions formerly held by Jailer J. M. Branch and Deputy Coley Reynolds. Mr. Harker has been foreman for Jackson & Bell's Book Bindery for a number of years, having been with the firm since he was a boy. Deputy Rackley has been foreman of one of the departments at the Delgado Cotton Mills for some time past. Constable J. R. Hardee, of Cape Fear township, was sworn in by Major Harriss, and Constable J. H. Davis will be sworn in some time today.

The new County Solicitor E. T. Burton, who was elected to the position formerly held by Solicitor George L. Peschau, also took the oath of office, which was administered by Major Harriss.

Chairman W. A. McGirt and Commissioner W. E. Yopp, who were re-elected to the Board of Commissioners, and Mr. Addison Hewlett, the new member of the Board, took the oath of office just before the meeting of the Board for its monthly session yesterday afternoon.

WILLISTON PUPILS GROW FINE SWEET POTATOES

Prof. Virgo, the Principal, Places Two Big Ones on Exhibition

Two big 3-pound sweet potatoes of the "Porto Rico" variety grown by the pupils of the Williston Industrial school, who are taught truck-farming and horticulture, were brought to the Board of Education offices yesterday by the principal, Prof. C. Virgo, and placed on exhibition.

Although they might not win a prize at a fair for size, they are probably more valuable for salable purposes as they well-shaped and of good marketing size, being regular and uniform in shape. Several barrels of this variety of potatoes have been grown and shipped away by the school to the Northern market. The proceeds are devoted to the development and building up of the school garden.

PLEASED WITH "GYPSY LOVE"

Roanoke Paper Speaks in High Praise of Attraction to be Given Here.

In a criticism of the "Gypsy Love" comic opera which is to be presented in Wilmington tomorrow night at the Academy of Music, The News of Roanoke, Va., says of the attraction as given in that city last week that it was effectively presented in all its gorgeous setting with high success and that the house was the largest of the year for the Academy in the Virginia city. Continuing The News says:

"No praise is too extravagant for the setting with which Andreas Dippel has staged 'Gypsy Love' on a road tour. Roanoke saw the scenes and costumes in their pristine splendor. Last night's production was the sixth of 'Gypsy Love' since leaving New York, and the scenes and costumes, gorgeous in conception and design, sparkle with cleanliness seldom seen in the setting of a road company.

"The cast, too, is young in its enthusiasm and life. At any given moment, whatever part of the cast appears on the stage, whether in an ensemble or in a solo, no actor or actress fails to do his big or little part with a good will. If that seems to be an unnecessary comment, one need only watch the chorus of the ordinary road show, where the characters loll about the stage, suffering from ennui, bored almost to death while waiting for their cue. Not so in 'Gypsy Love'. Arthur Albro, as Josci, sets a vivacious example for enthusiasm and the others catch the spirit."

Tomorrow!

Helen Holmes in "A Lass of the Lumberlands"—Bijou. (advertisement.)

BREAD TRIALS CONTINUED

Bakers Ask for Ten Days Reprieve in Order to Prepare Their Plans for Compliance With Law.

At the request of the defendants that they be given ten days to arrange the necessary utensils and equipment with which to comply with the city ordinance regulating the size of a standard loaf of bread, Recorder George Harriss yesterday afternoon postponed the hearing in the cases of Messrs. J. B. Fox, W. T. Farris, George T. Johnson, Cuthbert Martin, Ben Kaminski and B. May, charged with selling bread other than of the standard size required by the city ordinance, until December 14.

Mr. Johnson did not appear in court and a capias was issued for him. The defendants gave as their reasons for desiring a continuance that they were liable to be indicted again before they could properly prepare themselves to come within the requirements of the law.

Other cases disposed of were: Enoch Davis, Louis Nixon, J. B. Banks, Sallie Purdue, all colored, charged with gambling, fined $5 and costs; Mary Crawford, and Janie Porter, colored, gambling, not guilty. Tolson Bagley, colored, firing pistol in city limits, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Annie Hilton, colored, wanted as a witness in the latter case, failed to appear in court yesterday morning and a capias was issued for her by Recorder Harriss, who fined her $20 for her non-appearance. This fine was later remitted and Annie was released on the payment of $2 capias fee and 85 cents, jail fee.

Recorder Harriss announced that all business connected with the court will be attended to at the court house, and not on the street promiscuously. He stated that all who desired to confer with him regarding their cases should do so through the medium of their counsel.

"VENETIAN TRIO" AT VICTORIA PROVES POPULAR ATTRACTION

Wilmington Theatre Goers Pleased With the Italian Musicians

The hundreds of people who went to the Victoria yesterday and last night were entertained with one of the best musical attractions that has come to Wilmington in many a moon. "The Venetian Trio," which is filling a week's engagement at the Victoria as an extra feature, made a popular hit and the several renditions of these three talented musicians were greeted with encore after encore. They gave operatic selections in Italian and English in such a manner as to do credit to Broadway while the instrumental music was par excellence.

The Italians are well known in several countries and are said to have just completed a world tour. Not only have they appeared before numerous audiences but their renditions have been reproduced on phonograph records.

While this added attraction is the real feature at the Victoria this week, the regular vaudeville programme is one alive with good comedy, dancing and music given by Soladar's "Brinkley Girls Company." Eddie Page, in a musical number; Maxine Henry, in a fox dance specialty, and the "Dixie Trio" were popularly received with several encores. "Baby Maxine", a little tot of tender years, did herself credit in a song supported by chorus girls.

NOTED SOCIAL AND MORAL LECTURER TO SPEAK HERE

Rev. S. Winchester to Speak at Victoria Theatre Sunday Afternoon

Announcement was made yesterday that Rev. S. Winchester, of New York, a noted lecturer on the social evil and single moral standard, will deliver an address at the Victoria Theatre, at 2:45 p. m. Sunday afternon. The subject of Mr. Winchester's address will be "The Question of the Hour".

One of the paramount themes in the discourse will be an argument as to why the boy and girl of today should learn the truth from their own parents, so as to guard themselves from the dangers that constantly menace them. The speaker has traveled from New York to Florida in the past 18 months delivering this lecture.

A feature of the talk will be a revelation of facts gathered from real life. Mr. Winchester will make a plea for the stopping of the moral degeneration over the land by practical educational methods. Men only will be admitted to the lecture.

KILLED IN CALIFORNIA.

Messrs. W. A. and H. S. McGirt Go to Attend Funeral of Cousin.

Messrs. W. A. and H. S. McGirt leave this morning for Rowland in Robeson county to attend the funeral of their cousin, Mr. Gilchrist McGirt, who was killed last week in Los Angeles, Cal. The deceased was a young man about 25 years old and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McGirt, of Rowland.

The message to relatives in Wilmington telling of the untimely death of the young man did not state the particulars as to how he was killed.

WRITES WILSON'S EPITAPH.

Lynchburg Man Gives Notice of the President's Passing.

Inspired a few days ago by the result of the presidential election to write President Wilson's epitaph for the information of his friends who supported the cause of Charles Evans Hughes, Mr. Edgar M. Shaner, of Lynchburg, Va., has contributed the following:

"Woodrow Wilson, born in Virginia, December 28, 1856; buried in New York November 7, 1916; arose from the dead in California, November 9, 1916; made every Republican in the United States crawl through an auger hole on November 10, 1916."

Property Transfers Recorded

The following deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the Register of Deeds: E. A. Lackey and wife to H. W. Ingram and J. E. Clayton, property at Wrightsville Beach Extension, consideration, $100; Henry Taylor and wife to Sarah E. Keyes and others, property in Federal Point township, consideration, $100.

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SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES

Half-Dozen Minor Cases are Non-Suited and Several Continued—Judge G. W. Connor, of Wilson, Presiding.

A Superior Court term for the trial of civil causes was convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, with Judge G. W. Connor, of Wilson, presiding. During the hour and a half which the session lasted non-suits were entered in a half dozen cases and several others were continued upon consent of counsel. At 11:30 o'clock, a recess was taken until 9:30 o'clock this morning.

Non-suits were entered in the following cases: Ed Gause against Annie E. Sadgwar, G. C. Johnson against J. Goldstein, K. C. Sidbury against D. L. Gore, J. L. Taylor against John Thomas, A. M. Moore against C. W. Nixon and others, and E. J. Sidbury against Pembroke Jones.

Court was opened by Sheriff S. P. Cowan and it was recessed by him shortly thereafter. Sheriff Cowan's term came to an end at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, since which time Sheriff George C. Jackson has been the incumbent of the office. As such he will open court this morning.

MARY M'GLAUGHAN CAPTURED

Slippery Prisoner Reaches Lake Waccamaw Scantily Clad

Mary McGlaughan, the negress who made her escape from the James Walker Memorial Hospital early Sunday morning, barefooted and clad only in her night robes, was arrested yesterday morning at Lake Waccamaw, still wearing her hospital costume.

The local police department was notified, and County Officer H. Mack Godwin, and Police Sergeant Joe S. Lane, left at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Lake Waccamaw, to bring back the slippery prisoner.

The officers returned to city at midnight with the colored woman and she was placed in the city prison.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

The social committee of the Y. W. C. A. will meet at the association building today at noon.

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Miss Sidonia Dunn, of this city, returned yesterday from a visit to relatives in Washington, D. C.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Megow returned last night from Kerr, N. C., where they have been spending a few days.

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In the report of the election of officers of the U. D. C. as carried in Sunday's issue of The Star, the name of Mrs. W. M. Creasy was unintentionally omitted. Mrs. Creasy was elected to the office of registrar.

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The United Workers of the First Baptist church will hold their annual Christmas fancy work sale, at the home of Mrs. Robert Scott, No. 101 North Fifth avenue from 3:30 to 6:30 this afternoon.

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Mrs. F. Marion Johnson, of Loris, S. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shannon, at their home, "Roselawn," at Audubon. She is the mother of Miss Margaret Johnson, of Wilmington.

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The Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters will hold their Christmas sale of fancy articles and home made candy at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Dick, No. 113 Nun street, at 3:30 Thursday afternoon.

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Mrs. Amande Harris and little daughter, Louise Rutland, arrived in the city yesterday from their home in Tampa, Fla., to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rutland, No. 306 Orange street.

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This evening at 8:30 o'clok at the Y. W. C. A. in the gymnasium there will be one of the most interesting volley ball games of the season between the High school girls and the business girls. All including the men are orcially invited to witness the game.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. E. R. Clarke, No. 15 North 15th street. All members are urged to be present and a cordial welcome will be given visitors.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of Immanuel Presbyterian church, the Lady Maccabees of the World will give an entertainment at Immanuel Hall, Front and Queen streets, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, a small admission fee will be charged.

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An entertainment will be given at Immanuel hall, corner Front and Queen streets, tonight at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Lady Maccabees. A small admission will be charged and the proceeds will go to the Ladies' Aid Society of Immanuel Presbyterian church. An enjoyable time is promised all those who attend.

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A wedding of much interest throughout the State will be solemnized this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church when Miss Etta Sloan Brand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alfred Brand, of this city, will become the bride of Mr. Lawrence Augustus Adams, a prominent young business man, of Greenville, S. C.

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SOUTHSIDE LADIES WILL HOLD BAZAAR TWO DAYS THIS WEEK.

Under the auspices of the ladies of the Southside Baptist church, a bazaar will be held next Thursday and Friday at No. 23 South Front street.

The bazaar will include the serving of dinner and suppers on both days, of chicken and oysters, respectively, with the usual side dishes. Ice cream, home-made candy and fancy work will also be for sale. The proceeds will go to the building fund of the church.

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INVITATION ISSUED FOR LAYING OF CORNERSTONE.

Neatly engraved invitations have been sent out calling attention to the laying of the cornerstone of the United States Customs building on Saturday afternoon and reading as follows:

The Wilmington Council,
Knights of Columbus
request the honor of your presense at
the laying of the corner stone of the
United States Customs Building
at Wilmington, North Carolina
on the afternoon of December the ninth
nineteen hundred and sixteen
at three forty-five o'clock

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ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR SOCIAL

An attractive musical programme has been arranged for the parcel-post social which will be held tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Parish Guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd at the Parish Hall. The programme is as follows:

Soprano solo, Miss Katie Foard; reading, Mrs. C. B. Davis; vocal solo, Mrs. Mattie Longfellow; reading, Miss Hazel Newton; solo, Mrs. J. A. Parham piano solo, Miss Olivia Hewlett; piano solo, Miss Gladys Litgen. Miss Katie Foard will play the accompaniments.

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COL. WALKER TAYLOR ADDRESSES CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE CLUB.

Col. Walker Taylor was the principal speaker at the regular monthly business meeting of the Young Men's Social Service Association of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church, which was held in the Sunday school room of the church building last night.

In his address Col. Taylor dwelled for the most part on the Sunday school and the great work that could be accomplished through the service of the young men in the church. A number of business matters were discussed by the members, the most important of which was the resolution to build a Sunday school annex.

At the conclusion of the business meeting a social hour was spent. Refreshments were served by the members of the Girls' Golden Link Society. The quartette from the Bladen Street Methodist church rendered several beautiful selections during the evening. About 50 were in attendance.

ALL ARE RE-ELECTED EXCEPT THE ATTORNEY

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take such steps as are necessary to help along this enterprise.

Jurors for the criminal term of Superior court, beginning January 15th, were drawn as follows: Messrs. Frank Herbst, W. B. Ennett, G. E. Leftwich, O. T. McClellan, J. O. Burriss, George Wheeler, Henry Gasque, W. E. Whilden, C. W. Walters, Kelly Smith, W. F. Stewart, J. W. Murrell, W. P. Emerson, J. M. Moore, W. J. Farrar, J. W. Farlow, G. C. Skipper, J. L. Toon, M. G. Tiencken, Charles B. Lynch, P. O. Matthews, J. A. Brown, R. H. Jarman, Moses Horne, Evie J. Padrick, T. F. Wood, R. M. Bryant, Luke Fowler, E. H. Shines, Walter S. Knight, Walter Horne, T. J. Dailey, W. G. James, D. McEachern, J. D. Doscher, Sr., Pat E. Brennan.

In submitting his monthly report, Mr. J. P. Herring, county farm demonstrator, stated that he had been prevented from visiting many of the farmers on account of being busy for a large part of the month with the Corn Show. While the fair had been a success in many respects, he stated, the agricultural part of it was not up to other years. This was due, he thought, to the fact that the farmers were busy digging potatoes, housing crops and with the election. At any rate, this was the reason assigned by them.

The planting of over crops is increasing, Mr. Herring said, and the farmers are preparing their lands better and making improvements in other ways such as raising thoroughbrd hogs and putting in tiling. Good yields were reported by the Corn Club boys, who made an average of 61 5-8 bushels and acre at a cost of 49 cents a bushel.

Mr. Herring declared that the county farm under the management of Mr. F. J. Dempsey is going forward at a good pace. Mr. Dempsey reported that there are now 31 inmates at the home and their health is fairly good. Approximately 29 acres of ground is planted in cover crops. Considerable produce has been sold and the stock is looking well.

Mr. R. A. Burnett, county road superintendent, submitted a report of the work done by the convicts during the past month. The camp which has its headquarters at the three-mile post on the Scott's Hill road has been moved to the main camp for winter quarters. This camp has 21 men and 11 mules and during November built 718 lineal yards of road and dragged the Greenville Sound road twice. Gang No. 3, is an extra gang and has an average of nine men and three teams and was engaged for most of the month in painting the Northeast river bridge. It is now at work on the Middle Sound road. Gang No. 4, is also an extra gang and has an average of six men and three teams. They have worked over the Scott's Hill and Blue Clay roads and are now working on the Castle Haynes road.

REGRET HIS LEAVING.

Ministers' Association Adopt Resolutions of Appreciation.

Resolutions of appreciation of the splendid service rendered by Rev. W. E. Cox as a member of the association during the time he was rector of St. John's Episcopal church were adopted at a recent meeting of the Wilmington Ministers' Association and keen regret was expressed that he felt it his duty to go to other fields. The ministers expressd particularly their gratitude for the services rendered by Mr. Cox in a public way and extended to him their best wishes as he becomes rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter in Richmond, Va.

Rev. J. E. Reynolds read a very interesting and helpful paper at the weekly meeting of the association yesterday on "What Makes a Church Great." He emphasized the importance of cultivating the spiritual life and declared that neither money nor mere numbers can make a church great.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Junior Engineer G. H. Bunker, of the office of the United States Army Engineer here, returned yesterday from a short vacation spent in New York and other northern cities.

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Beneath that soiled, discolored, faded or aged complexion is one fair to look upon. Mercolized wax will gradually, gently absorb the devitalized surface skin, revealing the youthfully fresh, white and beautiful skin underneath. Used by refined women who prefer complexions of true naturalness. Mercolized wax in one ounce package, with directions for use, is sold by all druggists.

FIVE NEW CLYDE SHIPS

Mr. B. O. Young Writes to Morning Star From Montreal Telling of Activities in Cleveland Ship Yard.

The five new ships of the Clyde Line Steamship Company, built at Cleveland, Ohio, on Lake Erie, have been completed, and are now en route to New York. Mr. B. O. Young, formerly chief engineer of the Clyde Line ship Cherokee, plying between New York and Wilmington, has been in Cleveland for the past several months inspecting the machinery installation on the new ships.

Mr. Young is now aboard one of the ships and in a letter to The Star written last Saturday from Montreal, he says:

"Four new Clyde ships arrived in Montreal today. Another is expected tomorrow. The trips through the canals, rapids and locks is most interesting. Twenty-six locks in the Welland canal dropped us 317 feet, and there is a total of 48 locks to go through, with a fall of 517 feet."

The large ship yard in Cleveland is covered with new vessels of all kinds, classes and descriptions, and in varying degrees of construction. Thousands of shipbuilding engineers, experts, and skilled mechanics and laborers are employed and no such intense activity was ever known in Cleveland before, it is said.

Mr. Young greatly enjoyed his summer sojourn in Cleveland and his hundreds of local friends hope that he may soon be back on the Wilmington run as of yore.

The five new ships of the Clyde company will soon join the regular fleet of vessels of this already great ocean carrying company, in the new era of the renaissance of the American merchant marine.

"MUST BE SQUASHES."

Judge Edward F. Reynolds, of Maine, Doesn't Believe Potato Yarns

That the big potatoes grown in this section of North Carolina about which much has recently been written must be squashes is the belief expressed by Judge Edward F. Reynolds, of Portland, Me., in a letter to his friend, Capt. Thos. D. Mears. Captain Meares had written Judge Reynolds about the prolific soil to be found in New Hanover and as substantial evidence of this fact told him about the big potatoes.

Quoting from the Bard of Stratford on the Avon, Captain Meares has written Judge Reynolds that seeing is believing and has assured him that if he will but come down to enjoy the balmy sunshinny days in 'dear old Wilmington" during the winter that he can see for himself that these are real potatoes of the best sort.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—The many friends of Mr. Ed G. Woody will regret to learn that he is seriously ill at his home on Greenville Sound.

—Ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, of Lumberton, an always welcome visitor to Wilmington, was here yesterday on professional business, a guest at The Orton.

—Lott M. Noble, Esq., of Punta Gorda, Fla., is here to spend some time at his former home and is a guest of his mother, Mrs. A. M. Noble, No. 420 Walnut street.

—Mr. Austin McCormick, formerly of Wilmington but now with the Atlantic & Western Railroad with headquarters at Sanford, N. C., is in the city on a brief business trip.

—Friends of Mr. Ed Woody, of Winter Park, will regret to know of his serious illness and hope for his early recovery, though his condition yesterday was not encouraging.

—Among those registered at the Orton yesterday were H. W. Woodward, Warsaw; Nathan O'Berry, Goldsboro; Ellis Meares, Fair Bluff; R. F. Benton, Evergreen; A. L. McDonald, Rockingham; Henry N. Carrier, Brevard.

—Rev. T. G. Vickers, pastor of the Methodist church at Southport, was in the city last night, en route to Durham, where he will attend the annual session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference.

—Rev. M. T. Plyler, pasor of Grace Methodist church; Rev. J. H. Shore, pastor of Fifth Avenue church; Rev. J. P. Pate, pastor of Bladen Street church, and Rev. W. V. McRae, pastor of Trinity church, will leave today for Durham to attend the annual session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference.

—Among those arriving at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday were Charles S. Stone, Charlotte; W. H. Royall, Burgaw; A. D. Teachey, Wallace; W. H. Eaton, Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hall, Wallace; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mills, New Bern; Mrs. H. B. Jennings, P. M. McLean, Lumberton; C. P. Freeman, Morven.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Odum left yesterday morning for Rome, Ga., where they will spend their holidays at their former home. They are making the trip cross country, traveling in Mr. Odum's car, having left yesterday morning via Columbia, S. C., expecting to reach their destintation the middle of the present week.

—Ex-Mayor Wm. E. Springer leaves this morning for Durham, N. C., where this week he will attend the North Carolina Conference. Mr. Springer is a member of the Finance Board of the Conference and also a member of the board of trustees of both Trinity College and the Methodist Orphanage, all of which bodies will be in session during the conference.

To Prosecute Depredations

Complaint having been made that certain persons have been guilty of removing and carrying away plants and flowers from some of the private lots in Oakdale cemetery, a warning is given elsewhere in today's paper that future infractions of the law will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The superintendent and others in charge at the cemetery have been instructed to keep a close watch for any offenses of this kind that may be committed in future.

GETS 24 YEARS AT ATLANTA.

Ed Harman, Wounded in Fight, Gets Sentence for Killing Revenuer.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 4.—Ed Harman was given 24 years in the Atlanta penitentiary today by Judge Connor in the Federal Court for killing Frank Knight, a revenue raider. Harman submitted to second degree murder. He was himself desperately wounded in the battle with the revenue officer.

OVERWORKED MOTHER

Had Nervous Break-down, Made Well by Vinol.

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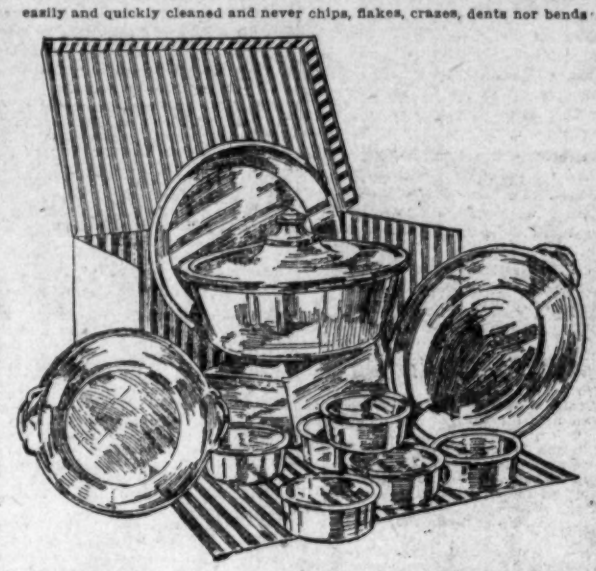

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THEATRICAL

"The Pretenders," a Metro wonderplay in five interesting parts, with charming and gifted Emmy Wehlen in the stellar role, is the big feature attraction at the Grand theatre today. This story was written by Channing Pollock and Rennold Wolf, two of America's formost playwrights, and it is easily the best vehicle ever provided for her, either on the stage or in the silent drama. Miss Wehlen will be remembered by motion picture patrons as the star in "When a Woman Loves" and "Her Reckoning or Tables Turned," two notable Metro productions. She

A Glance from Helen Holmes as She Looks in "A Lass of the Lumberlands."

Which Starts at the Bijou Tomorrow

came to this country from England at the head of the London Gaiety Company, appearing in "Tonight's the Night." She also was starred in "The Dollar Princess," "The Merry Widow" and other big musical porduc-tions with the famous Gaiety company.

The story of "The Pretenders" deals with a family living in the Middle West who join the newly rich element after oil is found on their farm land. They come to New York, where they try to break into society and position by marrying their daughter to an English Earl. This theme is handled in a new and refreshing manner, and affords splendid opportunity to present the contrast of life between the real people of the Middle West and the conterfeit social set in and around New York.

Greatest Musical Trio Ever

Casting no reflections on the Brinkley Girls comapny, which was fully up to the standard, it can safely be stated, that in mentioning the Venetian Trio first in the Victoria show of yesterday, mention is made of the greatest musical trio that has ever appeared on a Wilmington stage. No one, who sees their act can go away doubting the truth of the statement that this superb trio of musicians and singers have gained fame around the entire world. And everyone can understand that Wilmington would not have had the pleasure of seeing them had it not been for certain unsettled theatrical conditions both in New York city and abroad, which is resulting in the South getting more real talent in their theatres this season than ever before, at least in recent years. The Venetian Trio are real artists, and the applause which greted everyone of their numbers was of thunderous proportions. For a whole half hour over time did each performance run yesterday, so that it has been found advisable to cut out the pictures for the balance of the week.

The Brinkley Girls, it can safely be stated is the best genuine comedy plot which does not depend upon the grimaces and dialogue of a blackface comedian for its comedy. A genuine plot, replete with natural comedy situation, which would have brought the laughs even without a spoken word, is possessed by "Watch Your Uncle Dudley", presented yesterday and to be repeated today for the last times. Amusing natural situations follow one another right in succession for an entire hour of laughs, while Hal Stack, as "Uncle Dudley, Chas. Soladar as Jack Wentworth, Mae Ward as Harriet Darnell and Maxine Henry as Helen Wentworth gave capable support to the comedy and supporting work of the balance of the cast.

This show should be witnessed by packed houses all the week, and those who failed to see it yesterday should not miss the opening for, the last times presented today and tonight.

All Universal Bill at Bijou

Today a mammoth all-Universal bill of movies will be presented at the Bijou—a bill consisting of three different features of a wide range, characterized only by the mighty Universal program.

The headliner for the two is a mammoth two reel production "Ljfe's Maelstrom", the story of a lost daughter and hertreunion after many days with her actor father. The romance of an old actor is told in this two reel drama and the actor is played by one who knows the life he portrays by actual experience. A glimpse of the seamy side of the stage, when the suffering old man is forced to play his part in spite of his mortal illness, is given in this chapter out of real life, and the star, is Murdock MacQuarrie, one of the greatest delineator of strong character roles on the screen today. He is supported by beautiful Edythe Sterling as the lost daughter, and it is one of the tenderest heart interest dramas of the year.

Betty Schade is seen in a strong single reel Rex dramatic feature of extremely tense action, "The Diamond Lure" full of thrills, while there's a mammoth cartoon comedy "Motor Max and his Fliv" another one of those great Powers carton laugh producers.

De Rue Brothers' Minstrels.

Billy DeRue ably demonstrates the fallibility of the old saw, "There's nothing new under the sun." His droll jests and merry quips all bear the hall marks of originality. It has been truthfully said that Billy DeRue and Lew Dockstader solely evolve the roaring absurdities, which constitute the stock-in-trade of a vast army of imitators on the American stage. This season he has a new line of talk for his monologue, and a budget of side-splitting parodies of his own writing, which is a guarantee that they will please. He will be seen at the Academy matinee and night, on next Saturday with DeRue Bros. Ideal Minstrels. The matinee prices will be 50 cents for lower floor seats and 25 cents for balcony seats. Children will be admitted to any seat for 10 cents. Tickets will go on sale Thursday morning at Elvington's pharmacy.

Big Comic Opera "Gypsy Love."

Andreas Dippel's own magnificent production of the internationally famous "Gypsy Love," the comic opera masterpiece of Franz Lehar, who also is celebrated because of his other superb work, "The Merry Widow," will be presented at the Academy of Music tomorrow night. Advance information regarding "Gypsy Love" indicates that it is an attraction of such magnitude and pretentious character that its presentation here will constitute one of the really important events of the local theatrical season. In the first place it is personally sponsored by Andreas Dippel, world-famous impresario whose name never has been given to any other than musical productions and operas of the highest standard. Mr. Dippel in a letter to the theatre management has given his personal assurance that "Gypsy Love" represents the very greatest results he was able to obtain from carte blanche expendi-

BOB SHINN

Character man with the Brinkley Girls Company, at the Victoria this week.

ture on production and a painstaking selection of cast and company. To the latter task alone Mr. Dippel devoted a solid month of search through Broadway's artistic ranks.

Heading the cast is the famous young tenor, Arthur Albro, in the role of "Jozsi," the gypsy, which he originated in America. With him in the several great singing roles of importance are Finita De Soria, Horace Ruwe, Salvater Solte, Ruth Thompson, Le Roi Operti and Lucy Fields, and many other artists well and favorably known for their success in other great musical comedies and light operas. Supporting the big cast of principals is a great chorus organization, which for singing ability and pulchritudinous charm Mr. Dippel does not believe has an equal in any operatic organization now on tour. The company carries a lavish scenic investiture, wardrobe and effects. Prices will range from $2 down to 75 cents. Tickets are now selling at Elvington's pharmacy.

RUTH THOMPSON,
mezzo-soprano, with Andreas Dippel's "Gypsy Love," which comes to the Academy on next Wednesda.

Victor Herbert's "Sweethearts."

The tuneful and fascinating operetta "Sweethearts," the quaint old Belgium romance, with Julia Gifford, comes to the Academy of Music at an early date. The score of "Sweethearts" is filled to the brim with Victor Herbert's brightest melodies and the story of the operetta, written by Harry B. Smith and Fred De Gresac and the lyrics by Robert B. Smith, provides a happy medium.

With a galaxy of pretty girls that surround Miss Gifford, the prima donna, and with lavish scenic investitures, "Sweethearts" should prove one of the big theatrical events of the season.

The production is beautifully mounted and the supporting company is a capable one and includes Leo Stark in the principal comedy role.

New York, Dec. 4.—Edward Barrow, president of the International League, today issued a call for the annual meeting of the league to be held in New York City Monday, December 11. President Barrow said the club owners of the league had left the matter of anterleague schedule with the American Association to his discretionn.

Tomorrow!

Helen Holmes in "A Lass of the Lumberlands"—Bijou. (advertisement.)

HIS FRIEND HURT; HE HELPED HIM

Injured Man Laughed When Simple Treatment Was Suggested, But He Thanked His Comrade Later.

Once upon a time word came to Henry A. Voehl, of Plainfield, N. J., that a close friend had been injured, and full of anxiety he visited the afflicted man who was suffering from a sprained ankle.

"It was so bad that the leg had turned black," said Mr. Voehl in relating the story. "I told him I would have him out in a week and he laughed at me. But I took him a bottle of Sloan's Liniment, that night he put some on and noticed the ankle felt better. I told him to use it every day, and in three days his ankle was practically well. In four days he was working. He gladly admits that Sloan's Liniment "put him on his feet."

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Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 4th, 1916.

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In the Superior Court.

Annie E. Sadgwar, F. C. Sadgwar, Jr., her husband; Charity R. Miller; Carlotta R. Miller; Lula Miller Poe, Elijah E. Poe, her husband; Susie Miller Cotton, Jos. E. Cotton, her husband; Reid Miller, Thomas C. Miller, Alex Miller and Earnestine Miller, minors, by their next friend John E. Taylor, vs.
Roscoe Miller.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the above entitled special proceedings, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 22nd day of December, 1916, at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House door in New Hanover County, expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash all of the twenty tracts of land, which are bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Description:

First Tract: Beginning at a point 150 feet west from the west side of Ninth street at a distance of 66 feet south from the southern line of Castle street; thence Southwardly and parallel with Ninth Street, 33 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Castle Street 33 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with Ninth Street 33 feet; thence eastwardly 33 feet to the beginning, the same being part of lot .... in block 80 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Second Tract: Beginning on the south side of Castle Street at a point 70 feet east from the southeastern intersection of Ninth and Castle Streets; thence southwardly and parallel with Ninth street 89 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Castle Street 52 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with Ninth Street 89 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with the said south side of Castle Street 52 feet to the point of beginning, the same being part of lot 1 in block 81 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Third Tract: Beginning at the northeast intersection of Queen and Eleventh Streets thence in a northern direction along the eastern line of Eleventh Street 66 feet; thence Eastwardly and parallel with the northern line of Queen street 165 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with the eastern line of Eleventh Street 66 feet to the northern line of Queen street; thence along said northern line of Queen Street westwardly 165 feet to the beginning, the same being part of lot 6 in block 83 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N .C.

Fourth Tract: Beginning at the northwest intersection of Queen and Twelfth Streets, thence in a northwardly direction along the western line of Twelfth Street 66 feet; thence in a westwardly direction in a line parallel with the northern line of Queen Street 125 feet; thence in a southwardly direction in a line parallel with the said line of Twelfth Street 66 feet to the northern line of Queen Street eastwardly 125 feet to the point of the beginning, the same being part of lot 6 in block 83 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Fifth Tract: Beginning at a point in the Northern line of Castle Street 99 feet east of the eastern line of Eleventh Street; thence east with said northern line of Castle Street 33 feet; thence north and parallel with Eleventh Street 99 feet; thence west and parallel with Castle street 33 feet; thence south and parallel with Eleventh Street 99 feet to the beginning, the same being parts of lots 5 and 6 in block 97.

Sixth Tract: Beginning at the intersection of the southeast corner of Ann and Wilson Streets; thence running eastwardly along the southern line of Ann Street 33 feet; thence southwardly and parallel with Wilson Street 132 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Ann Street 33 feet to Wilson street; thence along Wilson Street northwardly 132 feet to the beginning, the same being part of lot .. in block 119 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Seventh Tract: Beginning in the eastern line of Tenth Street at a point one hundred and fifty-three (153) feet southwardly from Dock Street and running thence southwardly along the line of Tenth street 30 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Dock Street 75 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with Tenth Street 30 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Dock Street 75 feet to Tenth Street the point of beginning, the same being part of lot 8 in Block 148 according to the official plan of the city of Wilmington, N. C.

Eighth Tract: Beginning in the western line of Sixth Street at a point 132 feet northwardly from its intersection with the Northern line of Mulberry Street 33 feet; thence westwardly with Mulberry street 82 1-2 feet; thence southwardly and parallel with Sixth Street 33 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Mulberry Street 82 1-2 feet to the beginning, the same being part of lot 3 in block 208 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C. This tract subject to dower interest of Annie E. Sadgwar.

Ninth Tract: Beginning at the southeastern intersection of Rankin and Bay Streets, and running thence along the line of Rankin Street eastwardly 34 feet more or less to the ground of Julia Mosley; thence southwardly and parallel with Bay Street 72.6 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Rankin Street 34 feet more or less to the eastern line of Bay Street; thence northwardly on Bay Street 72.6 feet to Rankin Street to the beginning, the same being parts of lots 1 and 2 in block 229 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Tenth Tract: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Harnett Street 99 feet eastwardly from the southeast intersection of Harnett and Seventh streets; thence eastwardly along the said southern line of Harnett Street 33 feet; thence southwardly 132 feet; thence westwardly 33 feet; thence northwardly 132 feet to the point of beginning, the same being parts of lots 1 and 2 in block 296 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C. This tract subject to dower interest of Annie E. Sadgwar.

Eleventh Tract: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Seventh Street 157 feet southwardly from the southeastern intersection of Harnett and Seventh Streets, and running thence with the eastern line of Seventh Street southwardly (31) feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Harnett Street 81 feet; thence north 28 1-2 west 33 1-6 feet; thence west and parallel with Harnett Street 69 feet to the eastern line of Seventh Street, to the beginning, the same being part of lot .... in block 296 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Twelfth Tract: Beginning in the western line of an avenue running through block 326 at a point 112 feet southwardly from the southern line of Nixon street, and thence southwardly along said line of said avenue 23 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with said avenue 23 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Nixon Street 75 feet to the beginning in the western line of said avenue, sometimes called McRae Street, the same being parts of lots 2 and 3 in block 326 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Thirteenth Tract: Beginning in the western line of Eighth street 100 feet from its intersection with the northern line of Swann Street; thence northwardly along the said western line of Eighth Street 50 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Swann Street 50 feet; thence southwardly and parallel with Eighth Street 50 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Swann Street, 50 feet to the beginning the same being part of lot 3 in block 326 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Fourteenth Tract: Beginning in the line of west side of an alley and running through Block 327 from Nixon to Swann Street at a point 60 feet southwardly from its intersection with line of south side of Nixon Street, and runs thence southwardly and parallel with Nixon Street 75 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with alley 60 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Nixon Street 75 feet; thence north 60 feet to the beginning, the same being parts of lots 1 and 2 in block 327 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Fifteenth Tract: Beginning in the southern line of Dock Street at a point 150 feet eastwardly from its intersection with the eastern line of Thirteenth Street, running thence eastwardly along said line of Dock Street 30 feet; thence southwardly and parallel with Thirteenth Street 60 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Dock Street 30 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with Thirteenth Street 20 feet to the point of beginning, the same being part of lot 1 in block 490 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Sixteenth Tract: Beginning at a point in the western line of Sixth Street 66 feet south of the intersection of said line of Sixth Street with the southern line of Marstellar Street, and runs southwardly with said line of Sixth Street 33 feet; thence westwardly and parallel with the said Marstellar Street 160 feet; thence northwardly and parallel with Sixth Street 33 feet; thence eastwardly and parallel with Marstellar Street 160 feet to the western line of Sixth Street to the beginning, the same being part of lot 2 in block 540 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Seventeenth Tract: Being in Federal Point Township, County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina.

Beginning at John Williams corner and running along Williams line west 174 poles to a bunch of small oaks, Williams other corner on the back line; thence north 40 poles to a stake in a large swamp; thence east 174 poles to a stake in the sound; thence along the sound to the beginning, containing 40 acres more or less.

Eighteenth Tract: Being in Harnett Township, County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, and being one-half of that certain lot or parcel of land on Wrightsville Sound; to-wit: one-half of the land conveyed to Mary Jane Martin by O. G. Parsley, Trustee of Sarah Jane Brady recorded in book W.W.W., page 513, 514 containing one acre and being the southern half of said land and the same being lot No. 6 on a plot made by Roderick MacRae's survey of said land.

Nineteenth Tract: Beginning at a stake on the south side of the Wilmington and Sea-coast Road, runs thence southwardly and at right angles with said road 208 11-100 feet to a stake; thence eastwardly and parallel with the Wilmington said Road 208 11-100 feet to a stake on the Road; thence with the said Road westwardly 208 11-100 feet to the point of beginning.

Twentieth Tract: Beginning at a point on Beasley line where the old Brunswick Road and the Watson Branch Road leading to Masonboro sound intersects; thence westwardly along southern line of said Masonboro Road 350 yards to a stake; thence southwardly and parallel with the old Brunswick Road 350 yards to a stake; thence eastwardly and at right angles to Old Brunswick Road 350 yards to the western line of said Old Brunswick Road 350 yards to the beginning, containing about 25 acres.

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by Hester Winthrop

Skating Furs Offer Santa New Opportunity -- Fur Sets of Muff, Hat and Neckwear Fresh From Paris -- A Seal Muff and Stole for the Matron -- Neckpieces.

SANTA CLAUS must make up his mind this Christmas, to pay about twice as much for his fur gifts as he did last year—or the year before. Not only are furs higher in price, but they are more impressive in size. A neckpiece can scarcely be too big, in fact. The more luxuriously and barbarically it spreads itself over shoulders and back; the more dangling brushes and paws it disports, the smarter it is. As neckpieces have grown larger, muffs have diminished, but the little muffs of this winter are ever so chic—one marvels at the monstrous fur rugs women spread across their laps and draped over their shoulders two winter's ago; so much prettier—and so much more capable of coquettish handling—are the little melon and ball muffs of today.

It is surprising how a handsome fur set can effect a complete metamorphosis in a humble costume. A simple little twenty dollar suit worn with a five dollar black velvet toque becomes immediately distinguished in company with a good set of opossum or pointed fox. Furs will do almost anything to a costume—except smarten its footwear. Ugly or shabby boots become more unsightly than ever in company with a sightly costume; no hundred dollar furs, or knowing hat can detract one jot from their hopelessness. So though her suit be modest and her hat be cheap, the woman who puts on furs of quality will see to it, if she is wise, that her buttoned street boots have the correct lines and have every evidence of scrupulous care.

If Santa is looking for something very distinguished in the way of furs, he will select a theatre set of ermine. This will include a long scarf and a muff in round or melon shape; and the scarf must be long enough to wrap around the shoulders once or twice or even three times—the more times the better. Some of these ermine scarves will go twice around the figure and then fall almost to the hem of the skirt, and muffled in such a scarf one may bid defiance to Jack Frost on the coldest evening. A theatre set of ermine, with scarf of average length is pictured. The tiny animal skins form a striped pattern on scarf and muff and fringes of ermine tails trim the scarf in border effect. So light and soft is ermine, and so daintily are these sets lined, with chiffon, satin or white soiree silk, that the weight is almost negligible, while the warmth and comfort on a cold night are very appreciable indeed.

Opossum Takes The Place Of Chinchilla.

One sees very few sets of chinchilla, these days. Australian opossum, sometimes called Australian chinchilla has almost taken the place of the genuine chinchilla which becomes more and more expensive as its rarity increases. Australian opossum is a very beautiful fur, soft gray in tone shading to darker gray in the shadows and a delicate cream in the high lights. It has little resemblance to the cheaper and more common American "possum," which is not at all an exclusive pelt, and is sufficiently expensive to rank among the distinguished furs of fashion. A pretty set of Australian opossum with stole trimmed with balls of the fur is pictured. The melon muff has small "cuffs" of shirred silk and the fur balls are attached with the silk cords that are so much used with fur this season.

Pointed Fox is High in Fashion's Favor this Year

Pointed fox is a fur in which Santa can make no mistake. Any woman, young or old, will be glad to receive a set of pointed fox for Christmas. This lustrous black fur with its sprinkle of white hairs in wondrously becoming to rosy youth; and there is no fur more distinguished when the hair is beginning to turn gray. A very handsome set of pointed fox is illustrated. An entire animal skin is flung over the shoulders, the rich brush hanging at one end while the forepaws, clasped together, hold the neckpiece in place. The round muff is made of another skin and is also trimmed with brush and paws. The set accompanies an afternoon frock of dark green soiree silk, a new satin-finished silk of high degree, and Georgette in the same green shade. A smart black satin and velvet sailor hat is trimmed with metal beads in green and gold tones, suggesting grape clusters. Pointed fox is inimitable with tailored costumes in black or dark green and may be worn also with white broadcloth suits or with frocks of silk or satin in green, blue, black or gray tones. It is not quite so successful with browns or taupe.

Seal coats are worn by women of all ages; but seal in small furs—that is, in neckpieces, scarves or capes, is appropriate only for older women. It is a little too austere and dignified for youth. A long seal scarf with muff to match will be truly impressive on the matron of forty or fifty and there are charming capes and pelisses of seal which add great distinction to theatre and afternoon gowns. Mole is suitable for all ages and looks well on grandmother and baby granddaughter alike. If anybody has besought Santa's nearest representative for a set of moleskins for Christmas—be that somebody six, sixteen, twenty-six or fifty-six—Santa need have no qualms in providing the coveted furs, for moleskin is as fashionable as it ever was. It will take more than a whisk of fashion's wheel to displace this beautiful and most becoming fur from feminine favor. An addition to the seal or mole scarf and muff will be a fur hat to match. These little hats are built on simple lines, in rather elongated shape and with an ornament of gold lace appliqued against the fur at the front, a little toward one side. There are fanciful caps of sealskin shown in the shops, some in rakish visor styles, but the simple turban, settling low over the hair and tipped neither to right or left is in much more exclusive style.

Seal and Beaver Combined in a Smart Skating Set

Handsome Set of Ermine for Very Formal Wear

Hat-Muff-Collar Set of Brown Velvet and Kolinsky

The Melon Muff and Scarf of Opossum with Fur Balls

Novelty Sets For Christmas Gifts.

Hat and neckwear sets; hat, muff and neckwear sets, and hat, neckwear and reticule sets, of fur combined with velvet, are among the holiday offerings of the furriers and milliners. Some of these sets, just over from Paris are charming, and a particularly captivating set is illustrated; the turban, collarette and round muff of brown velvet and kolinsky, the latter a beautiful fur that closely approximates Russian sable yet costs a deal less. This fur-trimmed turban is in exactly the right shape for smartness and has a dull gold ornament at the front. A similar ornament clasps the collarette. The dainty muff appears larger than it is because of the puffed effect of the velvet at the center. The whole set, recently brought over from Paris to accompany a trousseau frock of brown crepe de chine, shows the chic and charm of these little belongings as conceived by the French—and the fine workmanship throughout, the materials being sewed carefully with matching silk and not with the cheap thread which makes so many fur wearables made up in America pull to pieces so soon. Cheap threads attract dust and dust is a thing that should be warded from fur or velvet with the utmost zeal.

Lynx is tremendously fashionable and if a black fur is desired, Santa can choose nothing richer than lynx. Skunk capes in the square shape, tied together over the chest with knotted cords of satin are accompanied by ball muffs of the same fur and such a set costs about a hundred dollars. A seal scarf and muff may be obtained for considerably less. Red fox, a fur becoming to fresh young girls but trying on older women, is extremely fashionable—as are all furs that harmonize with the fashionable browns of this season. A red fox scarf alone, if of handsome quality, is worth a hundred dollars—according, at least, to the furriers' idea. An equally large neckpiece of white fox with head, brush and paws, may be had for about forty-five dollars. Of course for a set of ermine, matched mink or mole, Santa may pay almost anything—these pelts are for the favorites of Croesus. If Santa is looking for a Christmas muff and neckpiece set of not expensive quality, he will find some very good looking models in wolf, bear, black dyed fox, marten and raccoon—though raccoon, being a most fashionable trimming pelt just now, is more costly than it ought to be.

Skating Furs The Fad.

Skating, revived as a winter sport, has given Santa new opportunities in the way of Christmas furs. All sorts of delightful skating sets are on the market and such sets are smaller and less formal and impressive than the handsome furs for street wear. Seal and beaver are combined in the skating set pictured. The neckpiece is modest in size and the muff is small and smart. The set is worn with a white cloth suit, velvet cap and washable kid boots.

What Toyland has for Little Folks

A TOY to suit the temperament of every child," is the satisfying assurance displayed prominently in one of the Christmas toy departments in Greater New York. Finding it confronting one upon leaving the elevator, one breathes a sigh of relief. Here, at any rate, one will be able to provide for the Christmas needs of all the discriminating and particular juveniles of one's acquaintance. One has only to open one's pocketbook wide—very wide—and the shop that takes care of modern childish temperaments will do all the rest.

Youngsters were not so hard to please in the olden days. Every Christmas there were the same dear, delightful playthings; Noah's arks, magic lanterns, sets of dishes, baby dolls, skates, drums and trains with tracks. Last year's toys were sure to be out of commission when Christmas came around and the new toys of fond, familiar type were welcomed with fresh glee. But nowadays the Christmas quest is much more difficult. The modern youngster has so many playthings, and is trained in such orderly habits of keeping them, that nothing wears out in a twelvemonth, and new and diverting contraptions must be offered at Christmas time to arouse enthusiasm. The modern child is particular too—in fact his jaded taste is even apt to be hypercritical about the offerings submitted for his approval. If it is a doll, it must talk; if an animal, it must walk. If it is a mechanical contrivance it must be propelled by either steam or electricity. If it is a piece of furniture, it must be modish—no early Victorian articles in the modern small girl's Louis XV or Colonial playhouse. If it is a set of blocks it must build something more intriguing than last year's blocks built.

A visit to a modern Christmas toy store is verily an eye-opener for a grown up individual who for a decade or so has had no occasion to interest himself in childish things. He will find his old favorites to be sure—the Noah's ark, the blocks, the dishes, the dolls, the engines—but how wonderfully transformed and modernized to meet the critical approval of the cultured modern child!

What strides, for instance, has the ancient velocipede made! Propelled still by foot power indeed, but with the long rakish lines of a racing car is the 1917 model pictured. Nothing is missing, from the cranking handle and the lamps on the front end to the neat license tag that brings up the rear. One steers with a wheel, and honks with a regulation motor horn by pressing a rubber bulb. There is a running board over one's tires and strapped on behind is a picnic hamper equipped with thermos bottles and other necessities for a roadside lunch.

And the newest building-blocks are wonderful blocks which put themselves together with amazing ease into a truly formidable man-o'-war, rigged fore and aft with holiday bunting and equipped with enough guns to intimidate any enemy. The small boy who fails to receive one of these delightful boxes of blocks this Christmas, will miss a very great treat. For the small boy also are modern soldier sets with metal cannon that shoot with joyous racket—and one may have one's soldiers in all the uniforms of the Allies, the Prussians, the Austrians or the Uhlans. Part of the soldier outfit is a formidable stronghold to be stormed and taken, so constructed that enough bombarding will bring it down with a delightful crash, though it may be put up again in plenty of time for the next battle.

For Her The Latest Thing In Suburban Houses; For Him Plenty Of Soldiers And A Castle To Storm.

Playhouses for little girls are very modern and smart—quite in the line of suburban villas in fact, in the two family style so popular in American suburbs. Potted geraniums add their touch of brightness to white painted verandas, and windows are of the fashionable casement type. When the front of the villa is lifted off (by a clever contrivance of the architect) luxuriously furnished rooms are revealed, most conveniently supplied with electric lights and open plumbing and furnished in Adam and Chippendale styles.

For very little people there are all sorts of endearing new beasties; furry cats that meow, and cunning little blue-ribbon doggies with never a hint of mongrel about them, all dressed in brass-studded harnesses and knitted worsted sweaters. There are Teddy bears too—babyhood never tires of these beloved friends—and cotton stuffed cats, rabbits and even elephants for sleepy-time bedfellows. A new convenience for the nursery is a decorated box on wheels into which all the stray pets may be tucked at night; and during the day the box makes a window seat, just the right height for little people to climb on, to see things go by out of doors.

For the older boy there are new electrical contrivances and one of the most interesting is a new flashlight that gives a continuous light or a quick flash, according to the pressure of thumb or forefinger, so that messages by the Morse code may be sent as far as the light can be seen. There are various war games, some of them difficult enough to hold the interest of grown-ups; and some of them suitable for very young children, as for instance the "Map of Europe" with bean bags covered with flags. One tosses each beanbag into its proper environment on the map and pays a forfeit for a mistake. This game is replacing the "pin-on-the-donkey's-tail" game and others of its ilk at children's parties.

A rather unique stationery set has a box in the shape of a circus tent, the note paper and envelope slipping into openings at the sides. Several blotters, shaped and decorated to represent the circus performers, come with the set. One of the most modern of modern toys is the miniature movie machine which may be run by oil or electricity and is completely equipped with rolls of film. Extra films may be purchased for the machine when those that come with it have palled. The boy of a mechanical turn—and what boy is not—will spend blissful hours concocting bridges, elevated railroads and buildings with the structural iron sections that come ready to be fitted together. A still older lad will appreciate a pair of boxing gloves or hockey skates attached to special skating shoes.

The French Doll Is Glad She Does Not Have To Be Packed In The Toybox At Night, But Nurse Finds It Useful In Keeping The Playroom Orderly.

For wee people there are the funniest wheelbarrows ever. In one barrow the two sides are two black cats, carved in wood, of course. One pushes the barrow by taking hold of the cat's tails and their noses are forever stretched forward towards a little mouse that revolves with the barrow wheel. Another wheelbarrow represents a clown. His body forms the side pieces, his extended legs the handles. His head projects from the crosspiece at the front and his arms reach downward and hold the revolving wheel.

If even in a toyshop which advertises toys to suit all childish temperaments you cannot succeed in finding a suitable plaything for the little lad or lass you must remember at Christmas, try one of the excellent gift boxes filled with toys of various sorts. For two dollars a box of twenty gifts, for either boy or girl, may be secured.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON MARKET FLUCTUATES

Sharp Decline at Opening Followed by Rallies and Close Net Unchanged to 8 Points Loss

New York, Dec. 4.—A sharp further decline at the opening of the cotton market today was followed by rallies with the close steady net unchanged to 8 points lower. After selling at 20.27 early, or about 128 points under the high record of last Monday, May rallied to 20.51 and closed at 20.50.

The market opened steady at decline of 11 to 26 points with active months selling 23 to 26 points under Saturday's close during the first few minutes.

Reports of unsettled political conditions abroad and conflicting private crop estimates helped the decline. At 19.86 for January and 20.06 for March, or of approximately $6.50 per bale from the recent high level, however, the market was steadied by covering and buying for a reaction.

The highest prices of the day were reached in the late trading.

January sold up to 20.07 and March to 20.30 and the close was within a point or two of the best. Two private crop estimates were published before the opening, one by a local authority placing the yield at 11,186,000 bales and the other by a South Carolina house making it 11,850,000 both exclusive of linters.

	Open	High	Low	Close
December	1998	1989	1975	1991
January	20.00	2007	1986	2006
March	20.20	2030	2006	2028
May	2037	2051	2027	2050
July	2037	2053	2027	2052
October	1842	1855	1839	1854

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 20.10; sales 7,700 bales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 19.88; receipts, 8,760; exports, 1,625; sales, 1,625; stock, 461,065.

Galveston—Middling, 20.25; receipts, 8,903; exports, 7,886; sales, 1,745; stock, 378,361.

Mobile—Middling, 19.87; receipts, 283; stock, 18,027.

Savannah—Middling, 20.25; receipts, 4,653; stock, 213,458.

Charleston—Middling, 20.00; receipts, 1,652; stock, 81,839.

Wilmington—Middling, 19½; receipts, 272; stock, 46,117.

Norfolk—Middling, 19.50; receipts, 3,711; sales, 374; stock, 89,266.

Baltimore—Stock, 7,938.

Boston — Middling, 20.15; receipts, 536; exports, 2,134; stock, 7,400.

Philadelphia — Middling, 20.35; receipts, 127; exports, 4,040; stock, 1,299.

New York—Middling, 20.10; receipts, 200; exports, 9,465; stock, 145,214.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 13,821; exports, 13,821; stock, 54,661.

Total today—Receipts, 42,598; exports, 37,346; stock, 1,504,645.

Total for week—Receipts, 93,598; exports, 59,615.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,158,414; exports, 2,540,270.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 19.90; receipts, 20,825; shipments, 17,514; sales, 3,128; stock, 283,964.

Memphis — Middling, 20.25; receipts, 11,705; shipments, 10,314; sales, 1,200; stock, 268,859.

Augusta — Middling, 20.00; receipts, 3,733; shipments, 780; sales, 275; stock, 143,516.

St. Louis—Receipts, 3,625; shipments, 270; stock, 29,265.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 3,895; shipments, 256; stock, 16,513.

Little Rock—Middling, 20.50; receipts, 1,488; shipments, 2,393; sales, 2,393; stock, 55,908.

Dallas—Middling, 19.55; sales, 2,593.

Montgomery—Middling, 19.50; sales, 1,337.

Total today—Receipts, 43,271; shipments, 31,527; stock, 796,025.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 4. — Cotton: Spot, in moderate demand; prices, lower; good middling, 12.09; mrddling, 11.99; low middling, 11.83. Sales, 9,000 bales, including, 8,100 American. Receipts, 9,000 bales, including 4,600 American. Futures closed steady. December, 11.73; December-January, 11.73; January-February, 11.78; February-March, 11.86; March-April, 11.99; April-May, 12.00; May-June, 12.09; June-July, 12.09; July-August, 12.09; August-September, 11.78; September-October, 11.28; October-November, 11.10; November-December, 11.05.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 4. — Beeves, steady. Steers, 8.50@10.50. Bulls, 4.50@7.00; cows, 3.50@6.50.

Calves—Steady. Veals, 9.50@14.50; culls, 7.00@9.00; grassers, 4.00@5.50; fed calves, 5.75@9.00; western, 7.50.

Sheep — Steady. Lambs, at record prices. Sheep, 5.00@10.35; culls, 3.50@4.50; lambs, 11.50@13.35; culls, 8.50@10.50.

Hogs—Higher, at 9.50@10.00; pigs, 8.50@9.75; rough, 9.75.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 4. — The more quiet tone of last week continued today with prices firm as a rule. Prices tended to advance when buyers showed any disposition to push acceptances on mills and merchants. Burlaps continued very strong.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market Depressed by Selling Which Had Start in Liverpool.

New Orleans, Dec. 4.—Cotton was depressed on this market today by selling which had its start in Liverpool and in the shake-up in British politics. The market was steady at the decline and late in the day there was less response to unfavorable news and reports of a firm and higher money market had little effect. At the lowest trading months were 20 to 26 points under Saturday's close. Reactions carried the price back to within less than 10 points of Saturday's final figures several times and the close was steady at a net loss of 7 to 10 points. After the early decline the market had no decided tendency and to all appearances was in a waiting attitude pending the coming bureau reports.

Closing bid: December 19.42; January 19.53; March 19.83; May 20.06; June 20.17; October 18.13.

Spot quiet and unchanged; sales on the spot 150 bales; to arrive 1,475 bales; middling 19.85.

BEARISH REACTION IN WHEAT

Result of Tightening Up of Interest Rates on Call Loans—Market Closes Nervous.

Chicago, Dec. 4. — Tightening up of interest rates on call loans led to a decided bearish reaction today in wheat. As a consequence, the market closed nervous at a range varying from 3½ decline to ⅝ advance, with May at 1.72½ to 1.72¾, and July at 1.41¾.

Corn gained ¼ to ⅜; oats, ⅛ to ⅝, and provisions finished at 17½ off to a rise of 2½. Close:

Wheat — December, 1.62½; May, 1.72½.

Corn—December, 87⅝; May, 90⅛.

Oats—December, 51?; May, 55½.

Pork—January, 26.75; May, 26.00.

Lard—January, 16.10; May, 15.85.

Ribs—January, 13.97; May, 14.22.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, nominal; No. 3, red, 1.50; No. 2, hard, 1.75@1.76; No. 3, hard, 1.73¾.

Corn—No. 2, red, nominal; No. 3, red, 1.50; No. 2, hard, 1.75@1.76; No. 3, hard, 1.73¾.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 89@90¾; No. 4, yellow, 86@89¼; No. 4, white, 85½@89.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Quito (Br.), 2,153 tons, Anderson, Aelx. Sprunt & Son.

Str. Nicarla (Ger.), 2,283 tons, Holfasch, Helde & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Helde & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 4.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—49c.

ROSIN—$5.70 and $5.45.

TAR—$2.60-10½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00 and $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 53¾c.; rosin, $5.80 and $5.65; tar, $2.30-9½c.; crude turpentine, nominal.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine 4
Rosin 18
Tar 54
Crude Turpentine 2

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 0 casks; rosin, 0 barrels; tar, 122 barrels; crude turpentine, 28 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—19½c.; quotations same day last year, 11¼.

Receipts—244 bales; same day last year, 1,722 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 69,024 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 128,123 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

December 4, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—194 bales cotton; 51 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—5 bales cotton.

Str. Thelma—3 barrels tar.

River—4 casks spirits turpentine; 18 barrels rosin.

Total—244 bales cotton; 4 casks spirits turpentine; 18 barrels rosin; 54 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 4.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 2 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Ond hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 25c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—35c. to 36c. dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 4.—North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 4.—Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market quiet. New stock, $1.35 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market firm.

New stock—Fancy Jumbo, 4 1-4c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3 3-4c per lb; Prime, 3 1-2c per lb; Shelling stock, 3c to 3 1-4c per lb.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 4. — Hogs—Weak at 5c. above Saturday's average. Bulk, 9.20@9.90; light, 8.60@9.70; mixed, 9.10@10.00; heavy, 9.40@10.00; rough, 9.40@9.55; pigs, 6.25@8.40.

Cattle — Weak. Native beef cattle, 6.90@12.60; western steers, 6.90@10.50; stockers, 4.60@7.75; cows and heifers, 3.35@10.00; calves, 9.75@13.25.

Sheep—Firm. Wethers, 8.25@9.10; ewes, 4.75@8.50; lambs, 9.90@12.65.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 4. — Turpentine, firm, 49⅛@49¾; sales, 93; receipts, 523; shipments, 170; stock, 22,822.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 1,299; receipts, 2,790; shipments, none; stock, 92,919.

Quote: A, B, C, D, E, 6.35@6.30; F, G, H, I, 6.30; K, 6.40; M, 6.50; N, 6.75; W G, 7.00; W W, 7.20.

WALL STREET HAS A FLURRY

Call Money Rises to 15 Per Cent, but Closes at 7—Stringency Likely Soon to Pass

New York, Dec. 4.—Call money's rise to 15 per cent, the highest rate in more than three years, and exceeding by 5 per cent. the maximum quotation attained during the first week of the war was the overshadowing and disturbing feature of today's active market.

The flurry, which was regarded as temporary—the final quotation being 7 per cent—was accepted as a sequel to the steady impairing of local cash holdings. Since the first week of November actual reserve of clearing house banks have suffered a reduction from $124,000,000 to the $41,000,000, reported last week.

Much of this shrinkage results from the distribution of money to banks at other reserve centers and heavy direct payment to the interior for supplies, largely exports. In addition, much money is tied up in various syndicate operations yet to be concluded.

Unless the usual signs fail, today's stringency is likely to relax very soon by reason of further heavy gold imports. An additional $50,000,000 of the metal is expected during the week from Canada and more than $30,000,000 gold from Russia now coming from the Pacific coast should find reflection in next Saturday's bank statement.

Stocks were strong during the forenoon with a renewal inquiry for low priced rails, as well as coppers and other metals, oils, sugars, tobaccos, the leather group and less specific issues. Extreme gains in these stocks ranged from a point or two in rails to 3 points in Ohio gas at the new record of 124 1-4 with a new maximum for Columbia Gas at 54 1-8.

Mexicans were in demand and equipments, notably American Car and Baldwin Locomotive, were at the best during the period of greatest unsettlement. Irregular rallies from minimum prices marked the final dealings.

International bonds were barely steady. Total sals, par value $4,720,000. U. S. Bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	34⅝
American Beet Sugar	104⅞
American Can	62⅜
American Car and Foundry	78⅛
American Cotton Oil	B. 52¼
American Locomotive	89½
American Smelting	116⅝
American Sugar	116¼
American Tel. and Tel	127⅝
American Tobacco	222½
American Zinc	59⅝
Anaconda Copper	99
Atchison	106
Atlantic Coast Line	123
Baldwin Locomotive	78
Baltimore and Ohio	86⅝
Bethlehem Steel	B. 610
Canadian Pacific	166½
Central Leather	109⅜
Chesapeake and Ohio	69
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	93⅝
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	35⅛
Colorado Fuel and Iron	56
Consolidated Gas	136⅞
Corn Products	27⅛
Crucible Steel	65
Cuba Cane Sugar	67¾
Erie	37½
General Electric	179
Great Northern, pfd	118
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	43⅜
Goodrich	69¼
Illinois Central	106
Inspiration Copper	62⅞
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	114⅛
International Nickel	47½
International Paper	65½
Kansas City Southern	27⅛
Kennecott Copper	57⅝
Lehigh Valley	83
Louisville and Nashville	134
Liggett and Meyers	B. 290
Lorillard Co	235
Maxwell Motors	73¾
Mexican Petroleum	108½
National Lead	68¾
New York Central	108⅛
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	57⅛
Norfolk and Western	140½
Northern Pacific	111½
Pennsylvania	56⅞
Ray Consolidated Copper	32½
Reading	110⅛
Rep. Iron and Steel	87¼
Seaboard Air Line	17
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	39½
Sloss-Sheff. Steel and Iron	84⅞
Studebaker Corporation	120½
Southern Pacific	100½
Southern Railway	29⅞
Southern Railway, pfd	68¾
Tennessee Copper	24½
Texas Co	204
Union Pacific	146¾
United Fruit	159½
United States Rubber	65⅞
United States Steel	125⅝
United States Steel, pfd	121⅝
Utah Copper	125⅝
Virginia-Caro. Chem	48¾
Wabash, Pfd., "B"	31⅜
Western Union	101⅝
Westinghouse Electric	63⅛

COTTON SEED OIL.

New York, Dec. 4. — The market for cotton oil was a quiet, featureless affair, with price-changes small. Operations were largely local, in the absence of fresh developments. Final prices were two points lower to three net higher. Sales, 18,400 barrels. Close, steady. Spot, 12.70 bid; December, 12.70@12.80; January, 12.72@12.74; February, 12.65@12.65; March, 12.66@12.67; April, 12.73@12.74; May, 12.74@12.75; June, 12.78@12.80; July, 12.78@12.81.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 4. — Mercantile paper, 3½; sterling sixty day bills, 4.71½; commercial sixty day bills on banks, 4.71; commercial sixty day bills, 4.70¾; demand, 4.76¾; cables, 4.76¾; bar silver, 75; Mexican dollars, 57¾; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular; time loans, firm; sixty days, 4@4¼; ninety days and six months, 4¼@4½; all money, stringent; ruling rate, 6.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 4. — Sugar—Raw, steady; centr ifugal, 564; molasses, 477; refined, steady.

Coffee—Spot, dull; Rio, No. 7, 9¼; Santos, No. 4, 10¾.

A Sensation!

Venetian Trio—Greatest Act Ever Presented in Wilmington.—Adv.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 5, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 46 degrees; at 8 P. M., 60 degrees; maximum, 71 degrees; minimum, 42 degrees; mean, 57 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .00 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 2.7 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina, Showers Tuesday, warmer east portion; Wednesday fair, cooler west portion.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 5, 1916.

Sun rises .. .. 7:03 A. M.
Sun sets .. .. 5:03 P. M.
Day's length .. .. 10 hrs. 0 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	6:31	6:50	1:07	3:45
Southport	4:32	4:46	10:47	10:58
Masonboro Inl	4:21	4:35	10:27	10:38

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 4, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	pt cldy	76	52	.0
Asheville	rain	58	54	.10
Atlanta	rain	64	52	.16
Augusta	cldy	70	36	.0
Baltimore	cldy	58	—	.0
Birmingh.	clear	70	60	.0
Boston	cldy	52	34	.0
Charleston	cldy	68	46	.0
Charlotte	cldy	66	44	.0
Chicago	pt cldy	60	52	.04
Galveston	clear	74	66	.0
Jacksonv	clear	72	54	.0
Memphis	clear	74	62	.0
Mobile	cldy	74	60	.0
Montgom'y	clear	74	56	.0
New Orl.	clear	73	64	.0
New York	cldy	56	40	.01
Oklahoma	clear	70	42	.0
Palestine	clear	80	66	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	62	48	.0
Raleigh	cldy	66	44	.0
Savannah	pt cldy	72	52	.0
Shreveport	clear	78	64	.0
St. Louis	clear	70	56	.0
Washing'n	cldy	62	36	.0

Tomorrow!

Helen Holmes in "A Lass of the Lumberlands"—Bijou. (advertisement.)

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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Nov. 12, 1916. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 2:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 2:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	11:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
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*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‡Leaves from Station No. 3, on Beach.

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND. Leave "Electric Center," for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Center," for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Center," for Beach	WESTBOUND. Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	‡7:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
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6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	‡7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
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S. S. Cherokee, Tuesday, December 19th
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Account Southern Commercial Congress. Tickets will be sold Dec. 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, limited returning until Dec. 19.

$47.65—Havana, Cuba.
Account Christmas and New Year Holiday Excursion. Tickets, including meals and berth on steamship, will be sold Thursday, Dec. 21, limited returning until Jan. 7.

$38.10—New Orleans, La.
Account Annual Meeting Western Fruit Jobbers' Association. Tickets will be sold Jan. 27 and 28, limited Feb. 5.

Proportionate Fares from Other Points on the ATLANTIC COAST LINE, "The Standard Railroad of the South."

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Effective Monday, September 11th, 1916, Southern Railway announces the present Winston-Salem-Beaufort-Morehead City Pullman Sleeping Car line will be shortened to Winston-Salem-Goldsboro. Pullman Sleeping Car line. This car will leave Winston-Salem at 8:50 P. M. same as at present, and arrive Goldsboro following morning, returning car will leave Goldsboro 10:35 P. M., arriving Winston-Salem following morning.

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DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM WILMINGTON:

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No. 19—5:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M. for Passengers.

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:

No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.

No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Building. 'Phone 178.

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ELECTORAL COLLEGE IS OUT OF DATE HE SAYS

William J. Bryan Speaks at "Dollar Dinner" in Raleigh

Guest of Chamber of Commerce and Heard by Prominent Citizens of State—Pays Tribute to Wilson —Reception Held

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 4.—The Raleigh chamber of commerce entertained William Jennings Bryan at dinner this afternon in the dining room of Hotel Yarborough and the distinguished orator delivered an after-dinner speech that stirred the keenest interest among the one hundred and more guests. It was a "Dollar Dinner" and there were numbers of prominent citizens here from various sections of the State to hear Mr. Bryan.

The introduction was by Governor Craig, who said that for twenty years he had been introducing Mr. Bryan to North Carolina audiences and had exhausted his store of compliments, all of which happily had been fully sustained in the career of the Nebraskan. In his speech Mr. Bryan was fulsomely appreciative of the complimentary introduction by the Governor and suspected that possibly if he had sent the Governor and some of his other special friends out in his behalf campaigning and stayed at home himself so people could not see the real Bryan, he might have been president long ago.

He paid high tribute to North Carolinians in the "seats of the mighty" at Washington, especially Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Floor Leader Kitchin in the house, Senators Simmons and Overman in the Senate, Congressman Yates Webb, of the Ninth district, and others. He believed that Webb has launched a campaign in the interest of perfecting the Webb-Kenyon law that will ultimately give prohibition to the Nation. He scarcely knew what to talk to this Raleigh crowd of dinner guests about. He said he had tried about every speech he ever had on a North Carolina audience and they always seemed appreciative.

Getting down to a theme, Mr. Bryan talked of things that have been accomplished in recent years and advances that lie just ahead for the Nation. Election of senators by the people, an effective income tax, elimination of contributions to campaign funds by corporations, especially the banks and insurance companies, tariff reform, the safe and sane use of paper money by the government, making panics impossible, were among the things presented as accomplished and working well. Also there was tribute to President Wilson and Congress for the Eight-Hour law which he believes marks a new era in the progress of the country. Abolition of government by injunction was another good riddance.

All these things, he said, have come through an over increasing spirit of democracy that is pervading the country and the world at large. One of the principal things that he predicted as just ahead for the United States through this democratic spirit was reform in the election of the President of the United States. He declared that the election just closed demonstrated thoroughly the inadequacy of the electoral college method of electing the president. The system, he declared, had its origin back in the early days of the Nation when means of communication were few and uncertain. Election of the president by direct vote of the people he predicted to be just ahead.

The dinner was in progress from 1 to 3:30 o'clock and Mr. Bryan spoke for about an hour. There was an informal reception in the lobby of the hotel for an hour before the dinner, when Governor Craig, Chief Justice Clark, Judge J. Crawford Biggs, Mayor James I. Johnson, President Jno. A. Park, of the chamber of commerce, and others were in line with Mr. Bryan and shook hands with great numbers of people.

Mr. Bryan arrived here this morning from Asheville with Mrs. Bryan to visit their daughter, Mrs. Hargreaves, who is making her home here. Mr. Bryan left tonight for Washington where he has an engagement to dine with President Wilson on Wednesday.

VERDICT OF $145,830 SECURED AGAINST PENNSYLVANIA ROAD

By Coal Company, of Which Vance McCormick is Principal Stockholder.

Washington, Dec. 4. — A damage verdict of $145,830 against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, secured by the Sonman Shaft Coal Company, of which Chairman Vance McCormick, of Harrisburg, Pa., is treasurer and a principal stockholder, for failure or refusal to furnish cars for shipping coal, was affirmed today by the Supreme Court.

Interstate Commerce Commission findings, the Supreme Court decided in another case, are prima facie evidence in Federal Court suits on liability or railroads for discriminating against coal producers in pro-rating car distribution.

The court directed a new trial in a claim for $21,094 damages by W. F. Jacoby & Company, of Philadelphia, against the Pennsylvania.

HEAD STUFFED FROM CATARRH OR A COLD

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Instant relief—no waiting. Your clogged nostrils open right up; the air passages of your head clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, snuffling, blowing, headache, dryness. No struggling for breath at night; your cold or catarrh disappears.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly.

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Tomorrow!

Helen Holmes in "A Lass of the Lumberlands"—Bijou. (advertisement.)

PASTORS HEAR DR. MULLINS

Hundred Ministers Arrive for Conference Preceeding Baptist State Convention

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 4.—A hundred or more Baptist ministers arrived in the city today as an advance guard to attend the Pastor's Conference which held its initial session in the auditorium of the Blackwell Memorial Baptist church here tonight, Rev. J. Clyde Turner, of Greensboro, presiding.

The distinct feature of the meeting was an illuminating address by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, Ky., on "The Lordship or Jesus", which is the first of a series of seven addresses Dr. Mullins is to deliver in conection with the Baptist Convention, beginning here Tuesday night. Fourscr five hundred delagates are expected tomorrow.

MOTORBOAT ALARMS FISH

Frightened Bass Jumps Into Craft and Almost Upsets It.

(Waukesha Dispatch).

While boating up the Fox river a five and a half pound black bass jumped into the rowboat of Lloyd and Ione Thomas, aged 10 and 12, respectively, children of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Thomas, and because of the confusion that followed a serious accident was narrow averted.

Other fishermen went to the rescue of the children. It has been reported that on at least six different occasion this summer fish have jumped into boats on the Fox river.

They become frightened, it is said, when struck by the motorboat, which they are unable to see at distance because of the dirty water.

IS HAWAIIAN MUSIC DOOMED?

New York Turns to Lifting Melodies Imported From Guatemala

(New York Globe)

Well, Hawaiian music is dead, but we have something new. It is marimba. They are coming in droves from Guatemala.

Margaret Hawkesworth who, we hear is soon to reappear on Fifth avenue, has a Guatemala dance which she will use as the feature of her this season's debut. And Fred Pike, of Carlton Terrace, has gone to Guatemala to bring back three of these bands.

HIGH COST OF LIVING OVERSHADOWS ANY AND ALL OTHER QUESTIONS

(Continued from Page One.)

New York city, the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor announced tonight. The Association recently increased its allowance from 27 cents.

The allowance for a woman over 16, the association reports, is 27.2 cents and the allowance for children ranges from 10.2 cents for a child under two, to 30.6 cents for a boy 16 years old. The association added that no housewife need expect to keep her family ell fed on the 34-cent basis except by very careful management, and by following closely a dietary based on a careful study of fod values and market prices.

John McGlynn, president of the State Hotel Men's Association, has sent every hotel in the state a letter asking them to join the boycott against eggs, which, it is said, will begin Wednesday morning. At the state department of food and markets it was announced that the price of storage eggs had dropped one cent today and fresh eggs two cents.

NEW ORLEANS WOMEN TAKE STEPS TO COMBAT PRICES

New Orleans, Dec. 4.—Measures for combatting the high prices of food in New Orleans were taken at two mass meetings held here late today and tonight under the auspices of the New Orleans Federation of Women's Clubs and the Housewives' League. Resolutions were adopted urging all housewives to reduce the consumption of butter and eggs to a minimum during the next thirty days.

NOTES EXCHANGED BETWEEN MERCIER AND VON BISSING

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done such things, Cardinal Mercier reminds him that he should look to those countries for revenge, not toward a peaceful and disarmed population. The cardinal then denies that the Belgian workers menaced public order, saying:

"Five million Belgians and some hundred Americans are wondering witnesses of the dignity and impeccable patience of the working classes."

Cardinal Mercier then says that if, as von Bissing declares, such labor has nothing to do with the conduct of the war, properly speaking, it has something to do with the war "improperly speaking."

"For," he continues, "even if a Belgian does not take up arms he releases the hands of a German workman who will take them up."

Appeals for Pity.

The letter concludes as follows:

"Monsieur Governor, at the beginning of my letter I read the noble words of your excellency:

"I have come to Belgium to heal the 'wounds of your country.' If your excellency could, as we priests do, enter the homes of the working people and hear the lamentations of the wives and mothers to whom your decree brings mourning and poverty, you would be better able to see yourself that the wounds of the Belgian people are open and bleeding.

"Two years ago they say there was death, there was pillage, there was burning. But it was war. Today it is no longer war. It is cold calculation, desired destruction, the domination of might over right, the humiliation of man in defiance of humanity. It depends on you, your excellency, to silence the voice, the cries of outraged conscience.

"May God, on whom we call with all the ardor of the soul of an oppressed people, inspire you with the pity of the Good Samaritan."

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TANGLE STRAIGHTENED OUT

Brunswick County's Educational Problem Solved at Public Meeting at Southport

(By Long Distance Telephone)

Southport, N. C., Dec. 4.—Brunswick county's educational difficulties were straightened out, it is believed to the satisfaction of all, at an important public meeting which was held at the Court House here this noon, citizens from all parts of Brunswick county having been in attendance.

This meeting grew out of the dispute between the boards of Education and County Commissioners in regard to the amount of the school funds available for the current year, thereby involving the issue whether there was sufficient funds for a four-months term which, with the State apportionment, would give five months in all. On this matter, as has already been noted in the Star, there arose mandamus proceedings, a hearing before Judge Connor and the announcement of the Board of Education that there would be put a three months term of the schools. State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, who had been informed of the state of affairs threatening the welfare of the educational matters of the county, made an appointment to be here today and go over the situation and effect a means of adjustment.

Mr. Joyner came and presided at the meeting. A full hearing was giving, the result being that ways and means were planned whereby funds would be secured so that the county could have its regular four months of school thus securing from the State funds that would give the children five months in all of school. There were a number present who spoke on the matter and there was a clearing up of what was threatened to be a most serious affair for with the circulation of various reports about the county, there had grown up an indignant feeling that might have involved persons who were not guilty of charges that had begun to fly about without consideration of their affect upon persons for the welfare of the educational interest of the county. The sentiment at the close of the criticism would develop and the schools would have their regular five months.

AGE OF THE EARTH

Latest Scientific Estimate Makes it 1,500,000,000 Years.

(Columbus, Ohio, Journal).

Science has been making the age of the world 200,000,000 years, more or less. But the latest scientific calculation is 1,500,000,000 years. This great difference of times arises from the difference of methods of calculation. The first-named period is reached through geological estimates, founded on sedimentation and stratum formation.

The longer period is reached through the retroactive effects of uranium and its related elements. It has taken all this time for uranium to produce crystallization which possesses creative force. The longer period is the estimate of chemistry, the shorter period of geology, but, as there is no geology without chemistry, the scientific world is turning to unanium as the controlling element in the building of the earth, and the period of its retroactive agency constitutes the age of the earth. From uranium we get radium, the master force of all change. As radium was only discovered in 1888, there is plenty of time left in which to find out how old we are.

$135,000 TO COMPLETE LOCAL CUSTOMS HOUSE

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in session practically all the summer.

The only way to avoid this, in the opinion of Mr. Godwin, is to work right up to Christmas day and begin again not later than December 26th.

McLean in Washington.

National Committeeman A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, spent today in Washington conferring with high officials of the government, and left tonight for his home.

Mr. McLean called on Senators Simmons and Overman, Representatives Godwin, Page and others; Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborne, Secretary of the Navy Daniels and others high in the Democratic ranks in Washington.

Of Interest to Hosiery Exporters.

The following cablegram received by the State Department today from the consul general at London will be of interest to all exporters of cotton goods in North Carolina:

"Only cotton hosiery ordered before date of prohibition to import will be admitted after December 31. Such hosiery will be admitted under license, provided it has been shipped prior to April 1, 1917. It must be clearly understood that no license will be granted unless evidence of the date on which orders were placed and date of shipment is conclusive.

"It will be necessary for controller import restrictions to be furnished immediately for record with full statement of cotton hosiery ordered by importer before date of prohibition.

"Hosiery is defined by the British authorities to be any garment made of fabric made on a knitting or hosiery machine as distinguished from woven fabric. American manufacturers or forwarders who made contracts with British importers prior to October 3, 1916, should immediately take steps to supply their consignees with any documents which may be of assistance to them in proving that agreements were consummated before that date and that the granting of a license is therefore justified."

P. R. A.

Washington, Dec. 4. — Representative Oliver, of Alabama, introduced a resolution today calling on the Secretary of War for the facts in connection with a recent complaint by Baptist ministers that Major General Funston imposed objectionable restrictions when they asked permission to conduct evangelistic services among the troops on the Mexican border.

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Berlin, Dec. 4. (via Sayville)—Russian forces atacked the German lines near Lake Drisviaty on the Russian front after heavy preparatory artillery fire, but were repulsed with heavy losses, says today's army headquarters announcement. Other attacks on this front likewise were fruitless. Some success was won by German operations in this war area.

London, Dec. 4. — The British government has prohibited the sailing of Greek steamers from British to Greek ports.

WARNING!

It having been reported to me that certain people have been removing or taking away plants and flowers from the lots of owners in Oakdale cemetery, this is to warn all parties that they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, if the offenses are repeated.

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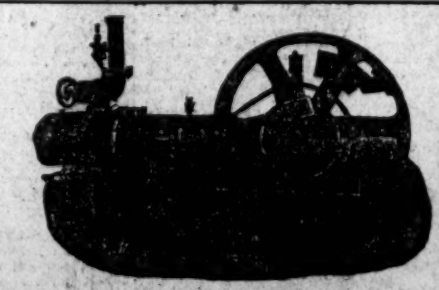

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